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We are profoundly grateful to celebrate another year with all of our participants, coaches, trainers and staff. We have some new teams here in the elite division from Japan and Hawaii, please say hello to them and make them feel welcome. Here are a few notes for this year's event. Please make our website your primary source of information for schedule changes, photos from the day and other news. Once again we will be streaming four 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. The new web-stream allows fans to replay specific plays or pick out highlights and is tied to our scoring program for a great end user experience. Please see our website at www.vaillacrosse.com for details on streaming dates and times.

Please be aware that parking is always an issue in town and at least for this year you can park for free in the parking structures and take the shuttle to all the fields in Vail. Parking at Ford Park is \$10. There is no free overnight parking in the structures.

We are proud to be associated with our sponsors at the Town of Vail, Alpine Banks, The Casey Powell World Lacrosse Foundation, Lacrosse the Nations and US Lacrosse. 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 and a new T shirt. Our tournament coordinator supreme, Connie Streich deserves much more than a thank you for putting up with us all year round and keeping track of all things tournament related.

We would be remiss to not mention here that we have lost one of the Shootout Founders recently, whose love of family, lacrosse and innovation has helped draw you to this valley. Please read more about his life later in the program or ask someone who has been here for many years about Flip and you will not be disappointed in the time well spent.

Love and gratitude to our spouses, Maureen, Kathy, Cindy and Ada, who once again send us up the hill for the 46th year in a row. We hope you all enjoy the week.

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Welcome to the 46th Annual Vail Lacrosse Shootout! We are honored to host the tournament in Vail yet again and take great pride in our guest experience, town services and event funding to support the tournament. The past four decades have shown that the Shootout and the Town of Vail form a fantastic partnership with great competition in an ideal location. We look forward to 46 more years!

A variety of activities will be taking place for your enjoyment. A schedule is available by visiting www.vailamericadays.com. We've planned a great celebration this year which includes our Fourth of July Parade at 10 a.m. Wednesday morning, themed, "America's Great Outdoors", plus an annual favorite, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra returns to Bravo! Vail to conduct the Patriotic Concert, gates open at 12:30 p.m. and the performance starts at 2:00 p.m. at Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater.

That evening watch the traditional Vail America Days™ fireworks display over Golden Peak at dusk (conditions permitting). For updates on possible fire restrictions or other public safety announcements, subscribe to our emergency notification system at www.ealert.org to receive text or email alerts on your phone. We also encourage you to download the Vail App for real time parking information, deals and maps.

On behalf of all of us at the Town of Vail, we thank you for coming 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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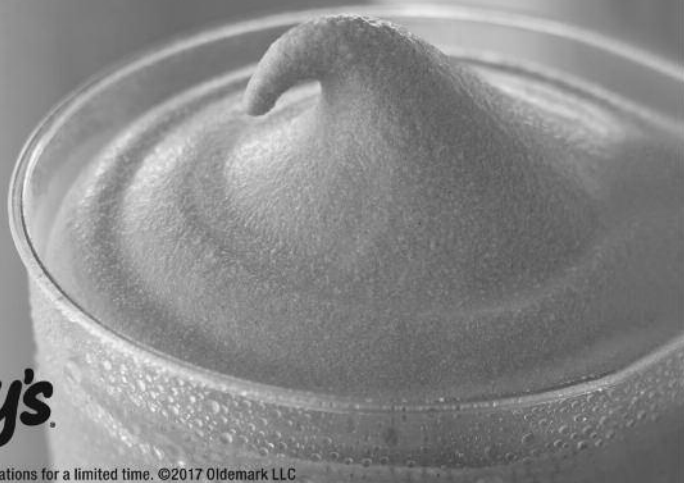
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2018 MEN'S ELITE PREVIEW

By Garrett Fitzgerald

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HAT'S MORE IMPRESSIVE THAN WINNING FOUR straight Vail Lacrosse Shootout Men's Elite titles? How about this: outscoring your opponents 80–19 while doing...the largest total margin of victory in Shootout history.

Constructing the most impressive multi-year run of tournament history is all in a 4th

of July holiday's work for Paul Landaiche and his team, Rokk3r/Lacrossewear. They triumphantly return to Vail in search of the team's seventh overall title and fifth straight championship. Rokk3r / Lacrossewear has been on the winner's side of the Men's Elite

bracket for eleven years running, has ten consecutive final four appearances and will go down as, one of, if not the all-time juggernaut of the Vail Lacrosse Shootout.

Last year's runners-up, the Big Green Herd have appeared in the final-four for five straight years. Sporting a roster of Dartmouth, Bucknell and Yale alumni – will the recent NCAA Division I championship for the Bulldogs propel this squad over the top in 2018? There is certainly a good chance.

The Rocky Mountain Oysters took third

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place in the 2017 shootout, falling only to Rokk3r / Lacrossewear. Based on that finish, the savvy tournament mainstays will be fortunate to avoid the Landaiche freight train in the early rounds and are one of few teams capable of earning a final four bid. Be wary of the Oysters; they'll be a tough pill to swallow.

Rounding out the final four is Lax.com / ScoreBreak Elite, a wily bunch with several Shootout and military veterans. From the coach's box, Tom Keller has led this team for almost a decade and is as formidable an opponent as they come. On the field, LS Elite's Tyler Snyder is a fixture of the Colorado lacrosse ecosystem and will draw the attention of opposing team's defenses all tournament.

New York Athletic Club ("NYAC") returns to the Shootout after an extended absence but it's 2018 roster is full of Shootout experience after playing under various banners in previous tournaments. Last

year's Ocean City Lacrosse Classic Men's Elite A Champions, NYAC has the best opportunity (at least on paper) to challenge for a Shootout Title.

Matt Brown's organized group, Boone-doggie, brings together University of Denver alumni and they are seeded fifth. Last year's consolation champions, the Black Seals, comprised mostly of RIT grads, are this year's seventh seed rounding out the top half of the bracket.

The Vail Lacrosse Shootout's "signature fish" is back for the 2018 Men's Elite Tournament. The Jammin' Salmon, a Shootout staff favorite, are the eighth seed, and always bring their phenomenal swimming swagger to Vail. Be sure to grab a peek at the Salmon colors this year; as they have some of the best uniforms in the pool.

From the rest of the field, Middlebury alumni come together to play as Team Gutman, an homage to "Peter" Kohn. Finkel &

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Garf, Team Mike Shaw Subaru and Steve French return to the Shootout with hopes of making it into the Championship bracket.

Joining NYAC as the other new teams to the tournament are two groups that traveled extremely far and the Shootout thanks them for their commitment to participate. Team Hawaii comes to 8,150 feet from the shores of Oahu, be sure to check out HawaiiLacrosse.com for information about the Hawaii Lacrosse Tournament which takes place annually in October.

As if Hawaii wasn't far enough, Kansai Select puts everyone else's flights to shame as they have traveled all the way from Japan to compete in the 2018 Vail Lacrosse Shootout. This U20 team comes to the Tournament looking to learn, have fun and potentially surprise a team or two.

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

Rokk3r/Lacrossewear

Coaches: P.J. Landaiche & Mike Miner
Key Players: B.J. Grill (Marquette '16/Denver Outlaws); Tate Boyce (Providence '19); Casey Rose (Rutgers '19)

Team Rokk3r/Lacrossewear is competing in its 18th Vail Shootout. Our Team mission

is always to maintain a consistent focus on community involvement and philanthropy in addition to academic and athletic endeavors. Team Rokk3r / Lacrossewear plays to benefit the American Cancer Society and organizations committed to finding a cure for breast, prostate and pancreatic cancer. Pink and purple in our uniforms are colors representing cancer awareness, as a visible reminder of their causes. Each year is another step closer to a cure!

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Seed	Team	Odds
1	Rokk3r / Lacrossewear	1/9
2	The Big Green Herd	5/1
3	Rocky Mountain Oysters	10/1
4	Lax.com / ScoreBreak Elite	10/1
5	Boonedoggle	20/1
6	NYAC	3/1
7	Black Seals	30/1
8	Jammin' Salmon	30/1
9	Team Gutman	50/1
10.	Finkle & Garf	100/1
11	Team Mike Shaw Subaru	100/1
12	Steve French	100/1
13	Team Hawaii	200/1
14	Kansai Select	200/1
(note: odds were made prior to finalized rosters)		



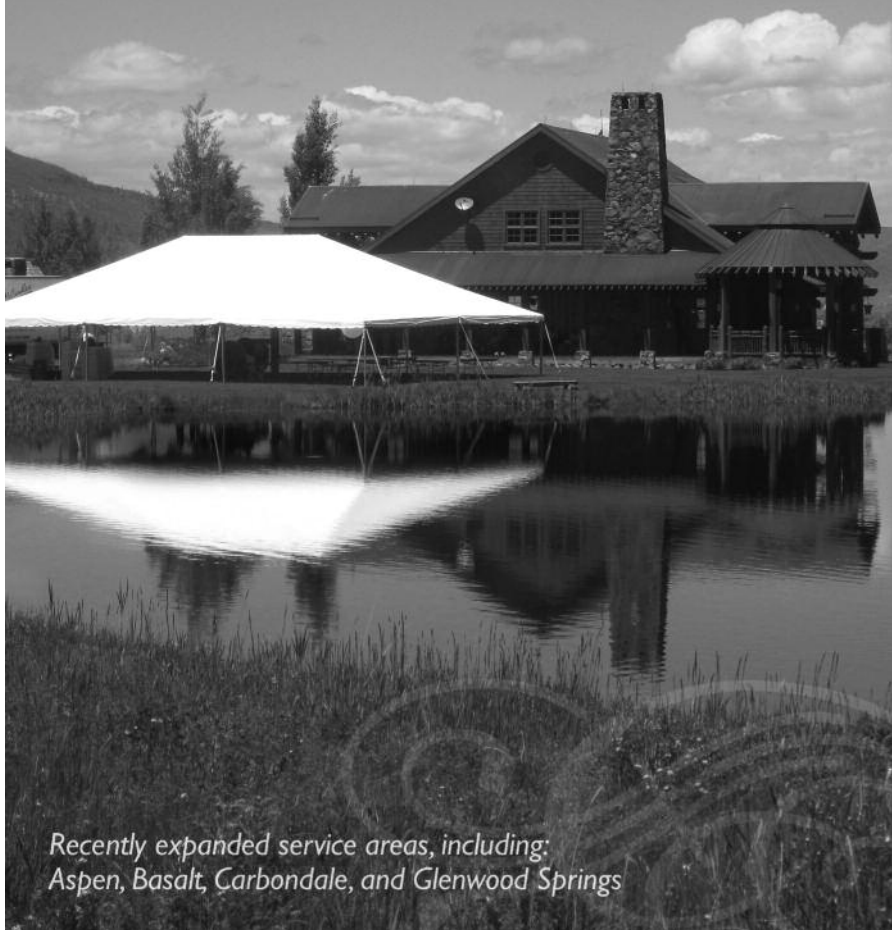
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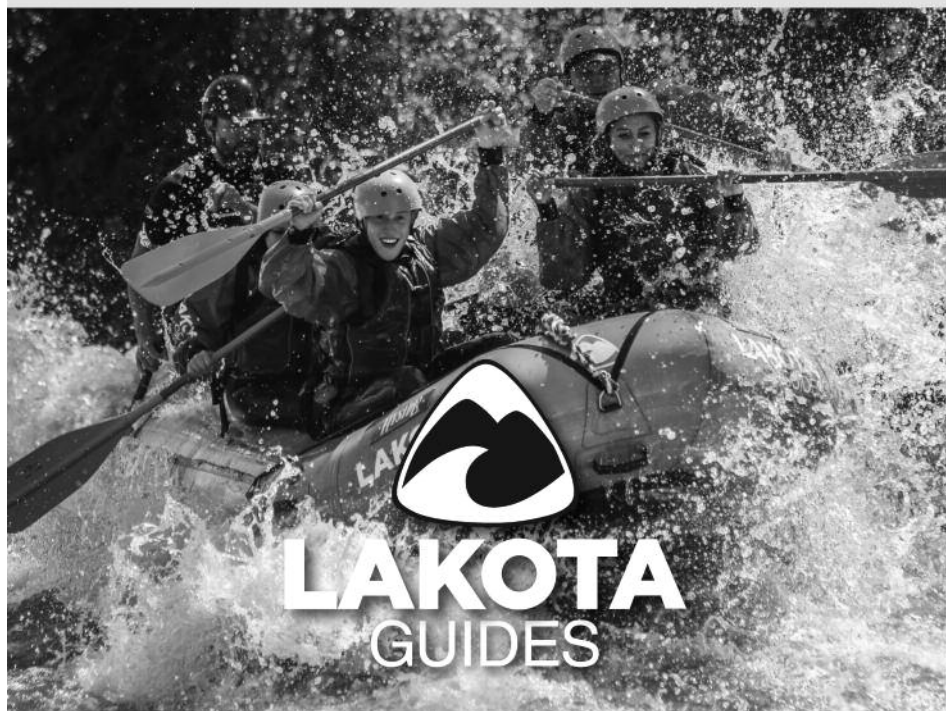
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Big Green Herd

Coaches/Organizers: Todd Heritage (A, Bucknell, 2014)

Key Players: David Dickson (M, Bucknell, 2015), Jimmy Bitter (A, UNC, 2015), David Better (D, Yale, 2015), Dylan Levings (FO, Yale, 2014), Cam Lee (M, Dartmouth, 2016)

The 7th time is definitely the charm after a tough championship game in 2017. BGH might as well be called the Big Green Herd of Bulldogs with even more Yale guys to round out the roster of Bucknell and Dartmouth. As always, we have our savvy vets back (some of which are closer to wheel-chairs then playing college lacrosse again) and maintain the ever growing mass of younger legs.

The team will be anchored by the Bucknell goalie duo of Josh Briskman and Kyle Feeney with a veteran defense. The attack can certainly put the ball in the back of the net, even though they are the worst athletes on the field but that could change with the addition of Jimmy Bitter (UNC) to help get the offense rolling. With a blowing loss in several faceoff specialists this year, we were able to find a ringer in Dylan Levings (Yale).

We strive for the hard-nosed attitude that we have continued over the years, looking to get over the hump and take home the crown. BGH is powered by Kind Design and would like to thank the Vail Shootout organizers and staff for their tremendous efforts every single July 4th weekend. We strongly believe this is the best tournament there is and do not expect to end our tradition as a team anytime soon.

Rocky Mountain Oysters

Perennial top 4 finisher, Rocky Mountain Oysters, led by GM Taylor Young, will call on long time player coach, and Vail cornerstone Logan Bobzien and 2016 all-tournament performer Ryan Parietti. Rounding out the offense is Colin Scott, Bryce Parietti, and Player-Coach in waiting Jack Bobzien.

At midfield, Colton McCafferey brings with him a head turning plus-one in multiple MLL Cup of coffee drinker Wilkins Dismuke, along with University of Denver/Colorado standouts Colton Jackson, Nick Philips, Zach Runberg, Joe Ried, Colin Rutan, Bryan Hancock, Jack Stebbins, and Mike Babb.

The most feared defender in the beer league ranks, Justin Dunn will anchor the squad, accompanied by a Kyle Hercher. Filling in the holes will be D-1 standouts Matt Jones of DU and Kyle Pless from Rutgers. Solidifying the back end of the oyster lineup is bonafide sex-symbol Paxton Boyer.

Lax.com/ScoreBreak Elite

Holy guacamole you won't need any marinara on your ravioli because the Lax.com / ScoreBreak Elite team is saucy! Leading the team to

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battle is coach Tom Keller (TK), who's determination precedes the likes of Leonidas from 300 and William Wallace from Braveheart.

The attack is filled with a flurry of furious frenzy, including veterans Ryan "rip from 35" Danehy, Mike "what happened last night" Maggio and Greg "zoom-oh crap I lost" Melaugh.

The midfield lines include a bunch of re-turners. Tyler Snyder is as versatile as a fox, and as slithery as a snake as he will most likely take on double teams the entire weekend. If you haven't heard of Riley Seidel by now your girl probably has, so you better keep an eye out. We can't forget Mr. Merica, Colin MacIlvennie, who will join the military after the 4th. Saving the best for last, the man, myth, and legend Mr. Randy Fraser is a steamroller ready to turn it up to 11.

The defensive end is a barrage of belligerent bros, spearheaded by the veteran of the group Jordan "The Poacher" Hendry. Eye witnesses have seen this man with his long pole



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in downtown Denver, poke-checking and bull dodging random people in the street to prepare for the tournament.

At the faceoff X are one of the greatest duos that Time Magazine raved "The best duo since Starsky and Hutch". Will "Bones" Bonaparte has the speed and Zack "Handyman" Handy has the weight to make for one potentially potent partnership. The LSM duo is equally as dirty with Nick "Brozo" Brozowski and Scott "Who Dat" Corcoran.

In goal is Nate "The denier" Siekierski who has yet to let a ball enter his cage since the Incident of 2011. Don't ask him about the Incident of 2011 or he will get angry.

The team would like to give special thanks to Lax.com and ScoreBreak. Head over to lax.com for all your lacrosse gear and team needs! And thanks to ScoreBreak, the official livestreaming partner of the Vail tournament! ScoreBreak provides instant game film review and iPad sideline replay

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Boonedoggle

Boonedoggle's roster made up of mostly graduates from the University of Denver. Alumni vary from from the class of 2018 to 2000. Headlined by Adam Stiefel (DU), Ryan LaPlante (DU), Curt Brooks (G-Town) and Jake Bailey (UNC).

New York Athletic Club

The New York Athletic Club is celebrating our 150th anniversary this year and we are thrilled to be back playing in the 2018 Vail Shootout! The NYAC is one the oldest lacrosse programs in the country having won our first National Championship in 1891, and last summer our team won the highly competitive Ocean City Classic in MD. We will be looking to rekindle that magic out West this year with a great mix of veterans and college players from seven different states including Colorado's own Erik

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Smith (Air Force '14). The NYAC will be sporting a retro look this year in honor of our anniversary and looking to wreak havoc at the Vail Shootout!

Black Seal

After a long, hard winter, the Black Seals are belling back up to shore and climbing the Rockies for another shot at the title. Given the seals slight overweight appearance, they are a tenacious and ferocious bunch that brought home the Consolation Championship in 2017. Let me tell you, this herd is every bit as hungry to stick teeth into opposing team's defenses as ever. The core RIT alumni group is back including countless guys whom have earned Liberty League and All-American honors. Some names include Eddie Keisa, Patrick Hannigan, Ben Tackett, Ryan Lee, Chad Levick, Braden Wallace, and Denver, Colorado's favorite red head... Jimmy Dalton Hall. If these names don't ring a bell, I am sure that the ones of four year returner and staple Jon

Berg between the pipes, and Dave Shuster at midfield might. The youth in our herd comes from a handful of current RIT Tigers and some good friends in programs across the country. The Seals are led by a multitude of coaches including our fearless leader Craig Schweitzer. This mastermind rallied the troops to three straight wins after bitter defeat in the first round. The seals would also like to thank our sponsors Gosling's Black Seal Rum (when paired with Gosling's Ginger Beer can make one heck of a "dark and stormy") and Northern Paving for continuing support and wonderful opportunity. Without them, none of this would be possible.

Jammin' Salmon

The Jammin' Salmon will once again return to the shootout with a school of fish comprised of faces both old and new! After some late injuries plagued veteran fish only weeks before last year's tournament they hope to come back with their "heads in the right

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place". The 2018 "Fish" have put together a mix of youth and experience, as they look to swim back into a final four appearance! Adding depth at the midfield and attack this year was a key focus for this group. Angling, Aswan "Hold the phone he's got a cannon!" Bland will bring a howitzer of a shot alongside veteran 2 point shooter Bryce Serriello. The team is happy to once again be anchored around goalkeeper Mike Nugent who was unable to swim out last year having been playing with the Outlaws. He has what promises to be a stout defense in front of him to hopefully see the opposing off-fences flounder.

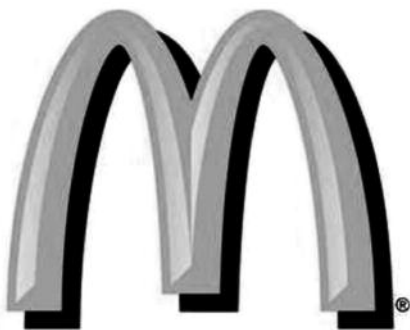
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Coaches / Organizers: Brendan Gallagher, George Curtis, Nate Gaudio

Key Players: Stewpac Kerr (A – Middlebury College '13); Nate "Noodle" Gaudio (G – Middlebury College '14), Darric White (D – Middlebury College '14), David Hild (A –

Middlebury College '11), Jack "Cheeseman" Cleary (M – Middlebury College '16)

Team Gutman returns to Vail looking to build on the momentum generated after winning their final two games of last year's tournament. David Hild, a cornerstone of the Gutman franchise is returning and



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looking to lead the offense, while the rest of MGK will likely look towards rookies with fresher legs to get up and down the field at 8,000 feet. Team Gutman is counting on Harrison Goodkind and Tim Giarusso (Middlebury 2016) to provide sparks on offense, while on defense relying on the 3-headed goalie monster of Ham Reilly, Noodle Gaudio and Miller Steinle aka "Steindurance" for his stamina between the pipes (Middlebury '12, '14, '16). Also returning to Team Gutman is Chaz Narwicz (OWU '10) after an MVP-worthy performance last summer and Spencer "BGS" Macquarrie. As always, the team's namesake Myron Gutman "Peter" Kohn will be with the team in spirit. His face and smile will be in the spotlight on the Gutman uniforms and Team Gutman flag, while his voice will be heard throughout Vail Village in song. Team Gutman is looking to "Bring Home the Bacon" in the 2018 Vail Shootout, if not on the field than certainly off of it. Yeah Blue!

Steve French

No Information provided at press time.

Finkel & Garf

Team Finkel & Garf is excited to hop back into the mix for their 2nd Annual Vail Shootout. The team consisting of University of Colorado alumni will be a crafty bunch on both ends of the field, led by a stout offense with a nice flight of recent grads & experienced players. With the help of Mitch Fenton and Connor Ervin anchoring the defensive end, we think this may be a recipe to keep on tap. The team would like to thank Finkel & Garf Craft Brewery of Boulder Colorado (www.finkelandgarf.com) for their generous support. Play Often.

Team Mike Shaw Subaru

Team Mike Shaw Subaru is composed of a collection of guys from Denver and around the country that will be dependably driving up I-70 to the valley with high hopes.

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With a selection of returners from the late Chico's Bail Bond's, along with some newcomers to the elite division, Mike Shaw Subaru looks to build on their improvements and glimpses of glory from last year as Audi Denver. A compilation of Delaware, Drexel, Denver and Penn State sophomores and juniors headline the roster. We would like to thank Tom Konkell for his return as the Phil Jackson of our squad. We would also like to thank our sponsor, Mike Shaw Subaru. Head on over to Mike Shaw Subaru in Denver to find your next quality vehicle for less.

Hawaii Lacrosse

The Hawaii Men's Lacrosse team is excited to bring a little aloha spirit to their first Vail Lacrosse Shootout this year. Founded 40 years ago on Oahu, Hawaii Lacrosse was formed with the goal of growing the game in paradise for residents and visitors alike. The club features a women's and men's team

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Kansai Select

"Maido Ookini" We are Kansai Select U20 Lacrosse team from Japan. We are all from the Kansai region of Japan with players from Osaka, Kyoto and Kobe. We are excited to attend this tournament and appreciate all the help to make this happen, including the Vail shootout organizers! For our competitors we wish you well, take it easy and we look at having a lot of fun with you. We hope we learn a lot from you! We are 23 players ready and strong and will play with fullest of energy. ■



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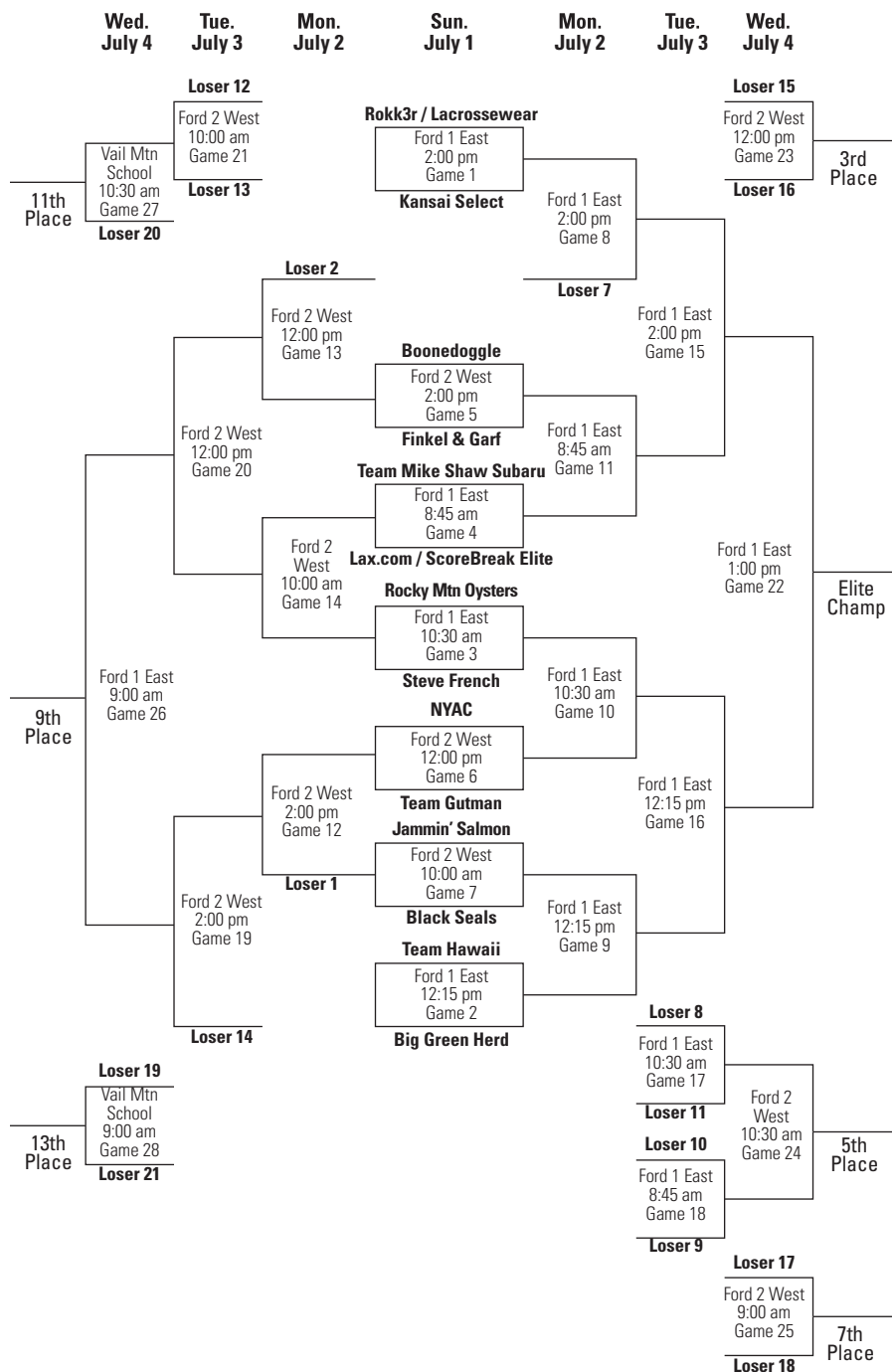
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Men's Elite Division Bracket





2018 WOMEN'S ELITE PREVIEW

By Jeff Secor

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YEARS OF THE WOMEN'S VAIL Lacrosse Shootout is beyond our original thoughts. We expected a few years but the continual growth of the "family" has kept us going since 1984. Most people celebrate the 4th with a BBQ, picnic, and fireworks.

We don't know what that is like! Our celebration is a lacrosse championship game, watching fireworks from the field, and listening to the many stories from over the years. Vail has become a tradition and a "Family Reunion."

The women's division has seen highs and lows: bringing teams together from the East and West, World Cup players and newbies, and teams stressing about getting 12 players on the field. We want to thank each and every one who has ventured to the Vail Valley for their love of lacrosse. We embrace those players who are not afraid of the 8,000 feet of elevation or the hot summer sun. These players are ready to enjoy the game and all that the Valley has to offer.

This year we welcome back the defending champions, Texarados, and welcome Team

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Women's Elite Preview—continued from page 27

Wild now in their 21st year! Coastal Colorado had so much fun last year and are back again. LAXaDAZEiclz is a new team name but with players who have experienced Vail in all its glory. Another “new team” is coming out and giving a nod to the men's Jammin' Salmon; welcome Jammin' Salmonettes or as they have been known in the past, Lakeshore!

From your Tournament Directors:

Come join us at the Athletic Field in Vail to see some great lacrosse and enjoy the hot summer days and take in the view of the Gore Range. Stay hydrated and lather on the sunscreen to minimize your down time. Have a safe and wonderful stay. Take a little time to enjoy the view!

COASTAL COLORADO

One thing that all of us lacrosse people share in common is an unfaltering passion for the sport. Just playing or coaching isn't completely satisfying...you are always thinking of it, always speaking about it, and if you have it

your way you'll be playing it, and sharing it your whole life. Our team is a combination of college coaches & players, and lacrosse runs through our blood. We come from both the east & west coasts, and reside mostly in Colorado. We are all ecstatic to be a part of the growth of the sport in the west. This is our second year back to the Shootout and we can't wait to continue our young tradition this July.

JAMMIN' SALMONETTES

Expanding on the long-standing tradition of the Jammin' Salmon men's team, the women are ready to rock their salmon themed uniforms with pride. Hailing from the East coast, the Midwest and the Denver area, the Jammin' Salmonettes are bringing a variety of athletic and social talents (let's be honest, they are mainly social) to the Vail Shootout. This group of mid-twenties (ahem, mostly) are excited for their inaugural Vail Shootout, and are looking to make a splash on and off the field. Spe-



cial shout out to The Lacrosse School, who was kind enough to help us live that sponsored life (finally).

LAXaDAZEicalz

The Vail Shootout is something that we always want to participate in. It is a great chance for former teammates and friends to be reunited through something we all love. Many of us on the team have participated in years past on different teams, but this year we are joining forces. Our team name is the LAX-aDAZEicalz. Not really sure how we came up with this name, but we just wanted it to be creative and something people would remember! Everyone on the team is a lifelong laxer who will play any chance they get. The team will have representatives from University of Denver, Regis, Iona College, Denison, Fresno State, Sacred Heart, and University of Alabama-Huntsville. We look forward to playing some great competition while having a great time and making many more lacrosse memories.

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TEXARADOS

2x defending champion Texarados are back for their third year to see if we can put it all together at the last minute—literally. The roster is in a constant state of flux, with Coach/team organizer Scott “Little Tex” Elmore preparing to grab hitchhikers off I-70 to fill spots on this third annual Colorado/Texas mishmash. We always aim to play hard and have fun, on and off the field (preferably the former **before** the latter to prevent undue stress on Little Tex), and after we introduce ourselves to each other right before the first draw, will do so again this year!

TEAM WILD

The Lady P's of Team Wild are excited to return to the Vail Shootout for the 21st year in a row! These nimble alums hailing from Middlebury, VT don't moose around. Vendetta's is sure to fuel these panthers up with plenty of carbs to last them a weekend full of fierce competition and late nights on the Shakedown dance floor. Show up a few minutes early to

Team Wild games to catch a glimpse of Mary O'Connell delivering a boisterous rendition of Hey by Lil Jon. Team Wild is also expecting stellar performances out in the 8,022 ft. altitude by many talented alums, such as Chrissy “the artsy one” Ritter, Delaina “Brittney” Smith, Bea “5'6” with Zara Platforms” Eppler and Cat “Greenwich Country Day” Fowler. Playing with the strength of the Rockies (and Green Mountains) and with Pete in our hearts, Team Wild is ready to bring home the bacon! ■





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The play begins with round-robin play. Play continues on Tuesday with a modified bracket play to determine the top two teams to play in the Championship game on Wednesday.

Teams	LAXaDAZEicalz
Coastal Colorado	Texarados
Jammin' Salmonettes	Team Wild

Sunday, July 1 — Vail Athletic Field

Time	Visitor	Home
11:00 am	Coastal Colorado	Jammin' Salmonettes
12:15 pm	LAXaDAZEicalz	Texarados
1:30 pm	Team Wild	Coastal Colorado
2:45 pm	Jammin' Salmonettes	LAXaDAZEicalz

Monday, July 2 — Vail Athletic Field

Time	Visitor	Home
9:00 am	Texarados	Team Wild
10:15 am	Coastal Colorado	LAXaDAZEicalz
11:30 am	Team Wild	Jammin' Salmonettes
12:45 pm	Texarados	Coastal Colorado

Tuesday, July 3 — Vail Athletic Field

Time	Visitor		Home
9:00 am	LAXaDAZEicalz		Team Wild
10:10 am	Jammin' Salmonettes		Texarados
Time	Game	Visitor	Home
11:40 am	1	5th Place	3rd Place
12:50 pm	2	4th Place	2nd Place
2:00 pm	3	Winner Game 1	1st Place

Wednesday, July 4 — Vail Athletic Field

Time	Visitor	Home
8:30 am	Loser Game 1	Loser Game 2
Championship Game		
9:30 am	Winner Game 2	Winner Game 3

2017 Women's Elite Division Team Results

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Texarados | 5. Coastal Colorado |
| 2. Average Joes | 6. Team Wild |
| 3. Portland Purple | 7. Team ULAX |
| 4. Lakeshore | 8. Lady Tizg |

2017 Women's Elite Division All-Tournament Team

Attack

Anya Gersoff	Texarados
Lexi Davis	Average Joes
Persy Sample	Lakeshore

Midfield

Lauren Hurd	Coastal Colorado
Katie Sheridan	Portland Purple
Jamie Spang	Team Wild
Eliza Radonchonski	Texarados
Marin Felsoci	Average Joes

Defense

Allison Phelan	Lakeshore
Helen McDevitt	Portland Purple

Goalie

Siena Miller	Average Joes
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MVP

Bailey Zerr	Texarados
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Coach/Team Rep

Scott Elmore	Texarados
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U19 Boys Division

By Pat Gartland

The sadness we feel at the passing of **Flip Naumburg** is tempered with knowledge of the pride Flip took in this division of the tournament and its impact on the Founders' goal of growing the sport of lacrosse and showcasing some of the outstanding high school seniors who will be playing in the NCAA for the next four years. Nonetheless, we will miss seeing Flip sitting in front of the scorer's table at this year's championship final. The sport of lacrosse, the Vail Shootout, and I, personally, owe much to Flip for his many contributions to the sport. **We salute you Flip. R.I.P.**

As we prepare this part of the program for the **FORTY-SIXTH Vail Shootout** and the **TWENTY-FOURTH** edition of the U-19 Boy's Showcase, we share in Flip's pride that this Division of the tournament has come to share the sterling reputation of the original and develop 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 **U-19 Championship in the U.S.** Leaders and coaches from many top clubs and programs have told us that their organizations view the Vail Shootout U-19 championship as their program's pinnacle goal each year. This year also marks our **sixteenth year of honoring Dr. Tom Watts**, who, along with his friend Flip, was a great supporter of Colorado lacrosse, and can take great comfort in the

stature of his namesake tournament and the growth of lacrosse in the Rocky Mountain west. Less than a month ago, we watched many Shootout U-19 alums playing major roles for the teams making runs at the **NCAA Championships** in all Divisions.

In keeping with our tradition, Wednesday's championship 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 U-19 All Star Team. Barring any last minute

no-shows, we will have ten 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. These teams represent the entire country, literally from coast to coast and border to border. Each of the ten have a significant number of **NCAA** commits, and all have a legitimate

shot to compete in the championship game.

Seven of the eight teams from the 2017 upper bracket are back to compete this year. Returning as Champion this year is **Lax-achusetts**. The boys in green and white rebounded from a disappointing 2016 finish to take it all last year. They come back loaded with experience and primed for another run at the title and an additional plaque on the **Watts Travelling Trophy**. Their opponent in last year's final, **ADRLN Tropics**, is back with what is expected to be





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their usual fast and athletic lineup and loaded with California swagger. With several Under Armor All-Americans on board, ADRLN expects to be in the thick of the title quest. Also returning is past champion and last year's Division I third place finisher, **FCA Lacrosse**, who captured third place with a convincing win over the 2016 champ, Red Bandana. Always competitive, FCA is expected to be in the mix on Wednesday. **Team Colorado**, always in the hunt, is back after a disappointing fifth place finish last year. The hometown boys are hoping to compete for the championship that has eluded them for the past seven years. The **Minnesota Chill**, last year's sixth place finisher, has improved each year. They return with a talented group that could move up in the standings. **3D Lacrosse**, made up of primarily of 3d players from New England, but with a national flavor, returns after finishing tied for seventh last year. With some impressive talent, 3d looks for substantial improvement. Also tied for seventh last year, the **Florida Kings** are back with hopes of moving up. All of these teams have high hopes of competing in the finals for a chance to pose with the Watts Trophy in front of the scenic Gore Range backdrop. Each of these teams brings a number of NCAA hopefuls and appears to have an excellent opportunity to improve on last year's finish.

Returning with last year's Division II trophy is the **Wasatch Lacrosse Club** from Utah. Improving and more competitive each year, Wasatch hopes to move into the championship bracket this year. Second place in Division II for 2017 was **True Lacrosse**, representing that fast-growing nationwide lacrosse program with players primarily from the Midwest. They are joined by one new entry, **Team 18 National**, formed by Vail veteran Sam Hovey, is expected to be very competitive. There are always surprises and we look forward to the competition.

We will play a four-team round robin in one conference and three team round robins in two conferences (seeded on the basis of last year's finish) on opening day. The teams will then be bracketed into a ten-team tournament for the final three days of play based on the first day results. The final games in each Division will be held at the renovated **Ford Field** facilities. 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, but the level of competition again promises to be heated—perhaps the best ever.



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True Lacrosse

Day 1 Round Robin Schedule,
Last named team (higher seed) will be home team and wear light jerseys.

Each team will play all other members of its conference. Play will start at 12:00 p.m. The games will consist of 20 minute running halves with a five-minute halftime in Conference “B”, and 30 minute running halves with a five-minute halftime in Conferences “A” and “C”. 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 1 ½ 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.**

Teams will be seeded into the bracket for continued play on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday per the bracket. The teams will enter bracket play until the final day, **with the bracket position on Wednesday for the 5th and 7th place games decided by a coin toss between the two winners of games 9 and 10.** Tie breakers for initial bracket seeding will be: (1) Head to head, (2) Fewest goals against, (3) Coin toss—in that order.

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.

CONFERENCE A

Sunday, June 24, Ford Field 1 East

12:30 pm	Wasatch LC	Laxachusetts
1:45 pm	Team 18 Natl	Wasatch LC
3:00 pm	Team 18 Natl	Laxachusetts

CONFERENCE B

Sunday, June 24, Vail Mountain School

12:00 pm	3d Lacrosse	ADRLN Tropics
1:00 pm	Florida Kings	True Lacrosse
2:00 pm	Florida Kings	ADRLN Tropics
3:00 pm	True Lacrosse	3d Lacrosse
4:00 pm	Florida Kings	3d Lacrosse
5:00 pm	True Lacrosse	ADRLN Tropics

CONFERENCE C

Sunday June 24, Ford Field 2 West

12:30 pm	Minnesota Chill	FCA Lacrosse
1:45 pm	Minnesota Chill	Team Colorado
3:00 pm	Team Colorado	FCA Lacrosse



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U19 Boys Division 1 Bracket



**Mon.
June 25**

A-1

Ford 1 East
11:00 am
Game 1

C-3

A-2

Ford 2 West
9:00 am
Game 2

B-2

C-1

Ford 1 East
9:00 am
Game 3

B-3

B-1

Ford 2 West
11:00 am
Game 4

C-2

A-3

Ford 2 West
1:00 pm
Game 5

B-4

**Tue.
June 26**

Ford 1 East
9:00 am
Game 6

Championship

Ford 1 East
11:00 am
Game 11

Ford 1 East
11:00 am
Game 7

Ford 2 West
9:00 am
Game 8

Loser 1

Loser 2

Ford 2 West
11:00 am
Game 9

Loser 3

Loser 4

Ford 2 West
1:00 pm
Game 10

Loser 5

**Wed.
June 27**

Champion

Loser 6

Ford 1 East
9:00 am
Game 12

Loser 7

Ford 2 West
9:00 am
Game 13

**Winner
9/10
coin toss**

**Loser
9/10
coin toss**

Vail Mtn
School
9:30 am
Game 14

Loser 8

Loser 9

Vail Mtn
School
8:00 am
Game 15

Loser 10

3rd Place

5th Place

7th Place

9th Place

U19 Girls Division

By Jeff Secor

46 years of the Vail Shootout and 20 years of the high school girls' tournament is quite the accomplishment for an area that has become the western hotbed for lacrosse. A combination of lacrosse, mountains, hiking, biking, and rafting contribute to an awesome venue to enjoy some competitive lacrosse. As organizers we look forward to the "family reunion" atmosphere of the Vail Shootout and welcoming new teams to the "Family".

The term "Family" is a nod to one of our tournament directors, Flip Naumburg, who passed away this past May. He has always supported the growth of lacrosse whether inventing new sticks, evolving the game to be more fan friendly, or developing players and coaches. Without his support the women's and girls' divisions would not be as developed as they are here at the Vail Lacrosse Shootout. When enjoying the game, men's or women's, think of his contributions. He will be greatly missed!

During the first two days the competition is pool play with the next two days being bracket play. Based on the pool play records, teams are placed into the Gold, Silver, or Bronze brackets. Within the brackets, winning teams move to the championship of that bracket. The pools are comprised of a mix of skill levels. It is a chance for developing teams from areas of the country where the sport is growing to compete against teams that are established and strong with players headed to all levels of college play. Mixing the skill levels allow developing teams

to experience what it takes to get better. Pool A consists of the top four teams. These players are the next wave of collegiate players and will showcase the skills that are constantly evolving as the game continues to grow. With a wide range of skills from the beginners to the next wave of DI players the Vail Shootout is a playground for lacrosse.

For the lacrosse lovers in the Vail Valley and those that are visiting, come out and enjoy the days watching some great lacrosse.

Please make liberal use of sunscreen and drink more fluids to keep you going so you can have fun in the mountains instead of making a trip to the ER!

Here is the list of teams. Come out and cheer them on.

BIG PEAKS LAX

The girls in the Vail Valley have combined to add a local flair to the tournament.

With a variety of players they look forward to a fun tournament and

introducing the visitors to the Vail Valley!

Team 410

Team 410 is a collection of girls from Baltimore who have been friends for a long time, some going back to their pre-school years. The Vail Shootout was seen as possibly the last opportunity for them and their parents, also good friends for years, to play on the same team and enjoy a great vacation in Vail.

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Hero's

Hero's started attending the Shootout in 1999 as a gift to the girls for all of their hard work and dedication to the game. The expectation is for the girls to play the game, removed from the stress and pressure of college coaches, for the sole purpose of enjoying time with each other. We love this experience because it is only about the game and the team.

Team HLA

The HLA Foundation 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 and are the defending champions from 2017.

Houston Heat

We are proud to be one of the few areas that have been involved in every single U19 girls' bracket since it began in 1998. We look forward to playing hard and having fun; there is no tournament experience like the Vail Shootout, and we love coming back year after year!

Lakeshore

Lakeshore 2019 is comprised of Chicago area players. We are looking forward to the Shootout and the opportunity to play the game we all love, against great competition, in a beautiful venue!

Les Diables Bleus

Les Diables Bleus consists of 2018 and 2019 commits to Duke University including

players from across the USA and one player from the UK. This is the LDB's 4th consecutive year at the Vail Shootout with a strong showing each and every year with a 2nd place finish in 2017.

Liberty Lacrosse

Liberty hails from "Strong Island", New York, and is comprised of players with roots in Long Island Lax hotbeds Manhasset and Garden City where lacrosse is like a religion. Coached by former Women's Elite MVP, Danielle Gallagher, the Liberty is looking forward to competing at a high level and feel they are well positioned for a Championship run, but also to having some fun under the sun in Vail and making memories that will last a lifetime!

MN Lakers Select White & MN Lakers Select Navy

MN Lakers Select Program has girls from Minneapolis/St. Paul and surrounding suburbs and are making their 10th appearance. The beauty of Colorado, the competition at the tournament, white water rafting, Vail village shopping and restaurants, and the



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New Image Lacrosse

The team has players ranging from freshman to senior class and represent schools from South Denver to Pueblo, Colorado. These young ladies have great attention to their lacrosse game but are well rounded individuals with other interests that keep them busy.

Team 180 Black & Team 180 Yellow

Team 180 players come from across the Colorado Front Range and are making their 13th appearance. The Shootout is always a favorite tournament because the girls enjoy playing in Colorado and their parents have the opportunity to watch them play against strong teams. They are always happy to be in the mountains playing lacrosse!

Puget Sound Select

Puget Sound Select (PSS) 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 a number of local and national tournaments annually.

Stars Blue & Black

The Stars program have brought teams to Vail the last eight years. This surprising bunch of competitive players for the Stars Blue and Black teams are rising 9th graders. They hail from Virginia and Maryland and are excited to be coming to the mountains. Go STARS!

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Tenacity Portland & Tenacity All American

The Tenacity Project is a non-profit organization working to empower girls through sports. The Tenacity Portland 2019 team is made up of girls from all over Oregon. The Tenacity All American team is made up of girls from California, Oregon, Texas, and Utah. Both teams have numerous players looking to play at the collegiate level.

Team TN

The girls on Team TN are predominantly from Memphis with several from Nashville. For our recent graduates, it's a chance for them to play one last time before everyone moves on to college. Everyone is looking forward to coming back to the tournament after a hiatus. ■



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7	Tenacity All American

POOL A

Team HLA
Les Diables Bleus
Hero's
Liberty Lacrosse

POOL D

Team 180 Black
Tenacity Portland
Houston Heat
MN Lakers Navy

Seed Team

8	Stars Blue
9	Puget Sound Select
10	GRIT Dallas
11	Lakeshore
12	Team TN
13	Team 180 Black
14	MN Lakers Navy

POOL B

Team 410
Team 180 Yellow
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Team TN

POOL E

MN Lakers White
New Image Lacrosse
Stars Black
Summit Select
Big Peaks Lax

Seed Team

15	Tenacity Portland
16	MN Lakers White
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18	Houston Heat
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POOL C

Stars Blue
Tenacity All American
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Lakeshore

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SUNDAY, JUNE 24, EDWARDS 1 (TURF)

TIME	VISITOR	HOME
9:00	Houston Heat	MN Lakers Navy
10:10	Team 180 Black	Tenacity Portland
11:20	Team HLA	Hero's
12:30	Les Diables Bleus	Liberty Lacrosse
1:40	Team 410	Team 180 Yellow
2:50	GRIT Dallas	Team TN

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, EDWARDS 2

TIME	VISITOR	HOME
9:00	Les Diables Bleus	Hero's
10:10	Team 410	Team TN
12:30	Team 180 Black	Houston Heat
1:40	Stars Black	Summit Select
2:50	Team HLA	Liberty Lacrosse

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, EDWARDS 3

TIME	VISITOR	HOME
9:00	MN Lakers White	Big Peaks Lax
10:10	Stars Blue	Puget Sound Select
11:20	Stars Black	New Image Lacrosse
12:30	Tenacity Portland	MN Lakers Navy
1:40	New Image Lacrosse	Big Peaks Lax

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, EDWARDS 4

TIME	VISITOR	HOME
9:00	New Image Lacrosse	Summit Select
11:20	Summit Select	MN Lakers White
12:30	Stars Blue	Lakeshore

MONDAY, JUNE 25, EDWARDS 1 (TURF)

TIME	VISITOR	HOME
9:00	Stars Blue	Tenacity All American
10:10	Puget Sound Select	Lakeshore
11:20	Stars Black	MN Lakers White
12:30	Big Peaks Lax	Summit Select
1:40	MN Lakers White	New Image Lacrosse

MONDAY, JUNE 25, EDWARDS 2

TIME	VISITOR	HOME
9:00	Team 180 Black	MN Lakers Navy
10:10	Team 180 Yellow	Team TN
11:20	Tenacity Portland	Houston Heat
12:30	Tenacity All American	Lakeshore
1:40	Tenacity All American	Puget Sound Select

MONDAY, JUNE 25, EDWARDS 3

TIME	VISITOR	HOME
9:00	Team 410	GRIT Dallas
10:10	Team HLA	Les Diables Bleus
11:20	Hero's	Liberty Lacrosse
12:30	Team 180 Yellow	GRIT Dallas

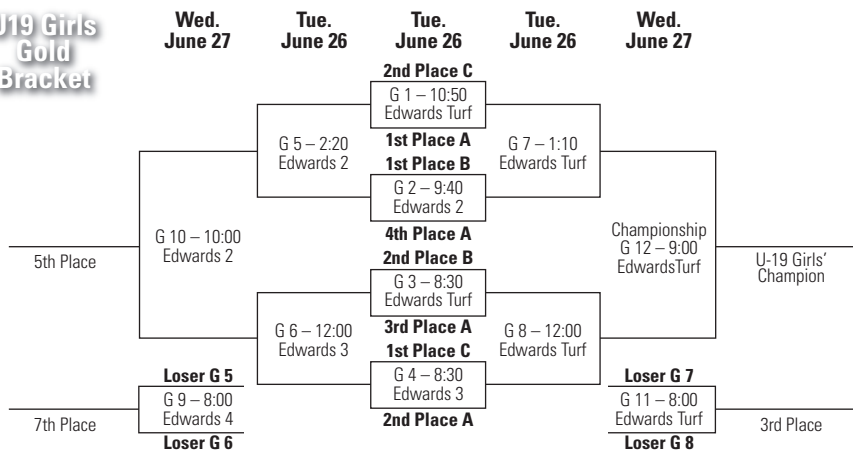
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TIME	VISITOR	HOME
9:00	Stars Black	Big Peaks Lax

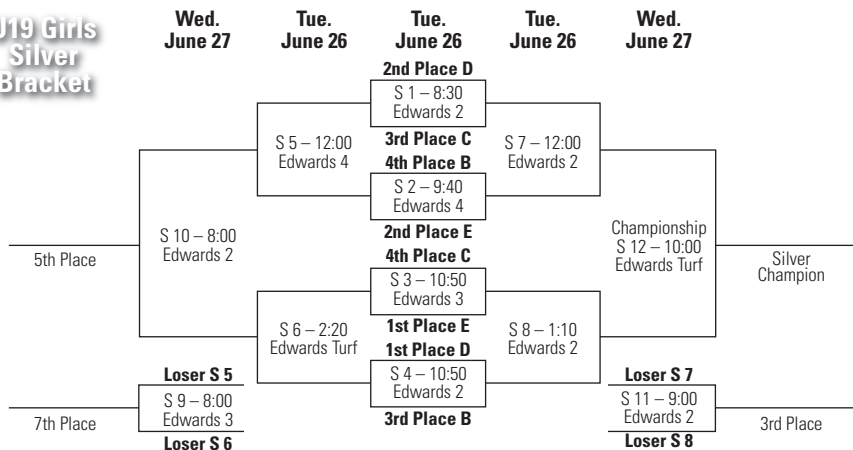
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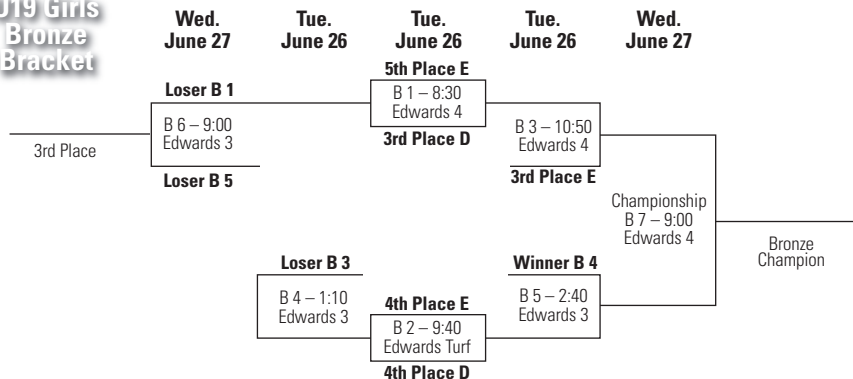
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2018 Masters Preview

By Nicole Soran

Many of the teams we've grown to know and love from previous years will once again compete in the Men's Masters division of the Shootout with a couple new teams to keep it interesting. Middlebury is confident that a deep bench and solid core group of players can earn them a third consecutive championship trophy. The Silver Oysters, motivated as ever, are also hopeful for another championship appearance but with a different ending from 2017. Boonedoggle, once a championship favorite, however, is feeling their age. They've lost much of their star power, and with it, their swagger (see below). Legends Lacrosse is a former team with a new name but familiar faces, and, along with newcomer WLF Smoke, could prove to be a major contender.

Laxgear Silver Oysters

Coaches: Greg Linster, Todd Goulding & Aaron Laaveg

Key Players: Lance Vitt, Brian Welch, Wiley Dornseif, & Logan Bobzien

Laxgear Silver Oysters will be entering our

12th year in the Masters division and eager to make it back to the Championship. Logan Bobzien will bolster our right side of the offense as he finally has graduated to make the jump from our affiliate Rocky Mountain Oysters squad and will reunite with long time lefty Lance Vitt for a consistent combination. More Tufts recruitments coming in on mid and D will help to solidify the quest to finally have a Championship ring. We look forward to our tradition of getting together once a year in Vail and spending time with family and friends. Thanks again to our longtime sponsor LAXGEAR, a local Colorado lacrosse bag manufacturer who makes the most durable bags in the business.

10th Mountain Whiskey

Back for their second year, the 10th Mountain Whiskey Lacrosse club is throwing their hats back in the ring. 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 John Hunt (Towson '03) and Jason Capadoro (Stony Brook '06). The midfield features Nic Bevacqua (Stevenson '09), John Regan (VMI '02) as its offensive stars and both Pete DeFinis (Drexel '02) and Kyle Daddio (The Mount) taking draws. The defense is no slouch either, with James Miller (Hamden-Sydney '08), Dave Britt (Miami of Ohio '09), and Justin Jones (Widener '02). 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, Baydog Crossfit, and Peregrine Network Solutions.

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the sport. Legends Lacrosse offers combined events unmatched anywhere, providing team building and leadership programs, and individual & team recruiting opportunities for all ages and skill levels. Legends boasts partnerships with pros Matt Rambo, Dylan Malloy, Ryan Brown and more. In addition, Legends strives to make the very best in uniforms and socks for lacrosse, volleyball, football and basketball. You are invited to join the community and become a Legend #WeAreLegends. Fittingly, this team will be playing in celebration of lacrosse legend, Flip Naumburg, who we lost this year. One of the original founders of the Vail Shootout, he also revolutionized the game by inventing the offset lacrosse head (used by almost every player in the game today) and founding Rock-it Pocket. He is the winningest coach of all time at Colorado State University with four MCLA championship rings and is a Colorado Lacrosse Hall of Fame inductee. Flip touched the lives of many of the men on our team as a coach, mentor and friend and will never be forgotten. The team's core is taken from the Denver-based Genesis Lacrosse Club and is expected to have a strong Colorado State University representation this year for Flip, with players flying in from all over to join the FAMILY for this one. Cornell, Marquette, Goucher, Butler, Vermont, Wheeling Jesuit, and Colorado among others will also be represented on the squad. May we fight for every ground ball "like a dog", play like we are always "down by 3" and try hard to never say "my bad, like it's okay to suck" (infamous Flippism's). Cheers—this one's for you coach.

Tony's Tavern

Tony's Tavern is excited to return this summer with a mix of new players and veterans to the Vail Shootout. The team comprises players from Connecticut, Colorado, and Texas. The team is once again anchored by Andy Blahut (Drexel) in goal with support from veteran long poles Nate Daniels (Utah State) and



Mike Gianella (Greensboro College). The midfield returns face-off Specialist Joe Mills to dictate the ball control game from the X. On offense the team returns Kevin Turek (Stony Brook) and Mike Fox (Ohio State) at Midfield and Bobby Jee (Texas A&M) joined by Nate Slavik (RIT) on attack. The team is looking to build on experiences of the past to lead to success on the field this year.

The team would like to thank our sponsor Tony's Tavern. Tony's Tavern is located in Houston, TX. Find out more about the team at www.tonystavernlax.com

Middlebury Alumni Lacrosse Club

The Middlebury team returns in search of a third consecutive Vail Shootout championship in the Masters division. Anchored by a solid core of former Panthers, and happy to have more than the original 14 that won the tournament in the Mud Bowl of 2016, this team will look to push the tempo and capitalize on its deep bench. The defense is led in goal by former Washington College standout Gordy Cohen, a 2009 1st Team All-American whose entire extended family will be flying in to watch him prove he's still got it. He will be joined by Ben Brenneman

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(Duke '05) at close defense, whose precision slides and impeccable “rotate” calls completely neutralize any hopes of an unsettled goal. Honorary Panther Rob Dorr (Southern Maine '08) returns as the ironman LSM, where he will undoubtedly take the wing on every faceoff because all the other poles simply can't do it anymore.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Panthers feature Holt Hopkins (Middlebury '01) and Brock Livingston (Delaware '96), two imposing lefties with great vision but absolutely no mercy. Local favorite and founder of 8150 Lacrosse, Chris Bivona (Skidmore '03) rounds out the attack and looks to build on several hat tricks during last year's run. At midfield, Jamie Duke (Middlebury '05) returns to the faceoff X where he boasts a 97% lifetime winning percentage. He's flanked on the wings by his brother-in-law and recent parolee Will Simpson (Middlebury '07), and 2016 All-Tournament team selection Dave Leach (Middlebury '05), whose love of the game is matched only by his mediocrity on the beerpong table.

The team is joined on the sideline by Middlebury legend Bob “Bobo” Sideli, without whom none of this would be possible. Cheer boys cheer—the stoke is high!

WLF Smoke

No Information provided at press time.

Boonedoggle

The same guys post every year, and every year they are a year older. The inability to recruit younger DU Alumni for the masters should prove to be a tremendous disadvantage to the ever-aging core of Team Boonedoggle. But in the immortal words of Team Capt. Devon Farrell, “We are not here to compete.” A couple big losses should also really hurt this team of total losers. No more Clark Woodard should hurt. No Grier Hanlon, Darren Sasaki-Scanlon, or Adam Miller should be super painful. There is definitely a strong contingent of 38-year-old dudes playing though. Farrell,

Berglund, Cox, Berger, Vann, Stifel, Petrucci stay committed to the cause and are way closer to 40 than 30. They are also really looking forward to graduating into Supermasters. Team Boonedoggle is really not sure how they will win a face-off in 2018.

We would like to thank our wonderful sponsors for supporting the team anyway... Hook Properties, Roadhouse Brewery, Goldfish Swimming, and LXTC. ■

Masters Schedule

All Masters games at Vail Mountain School

Pool A

Middlebury
Legends Lacrosse
WLF Smoke

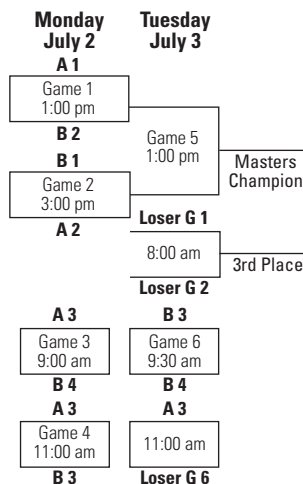
Pool B

Silver Oysters
Boonedoggle
10th Mountain Whiskey
Tony's Tavern

Sunday July 1 — Pool Play

Pool	Time	Visitor	Home
A	8:00 am	Middlebury	Legends Lacrosse
A	9:00 am	Middlebury	WLF Smoke
A	10:00 am	Legends Lacrosse	WLF Smoke
B	11:00 am	Silver Oysters	Tony's Tavern
B	12:00 pm	Silver Oysters	Boonedoggle
B	1:00 pm	Tony's Tavern	10th Mtn Whiskey
B	2:00 pm	Silver Oysters	10th Mtn Whiskey
B	3:00 pm	Tony's Tavern	Boonedoggle
B	4:00 pm	10th Mtn Whiskey	Boonedoggle

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2018 Supermasters Preview

This year's Supermasters division boasts an impressive 11 teams competing over three days to determine who is the best of the over 40s. Will the Magic Wands, still riding off the high of their upset win over perennial favorites the Elder Statesmen, return for a second consecutive championship? Or will the Statesmen be back with a fury looking for their fifth championship trophy in six years? Newcomers Finally40 have the potential to become a Cinderella story, but only if they don't spend too many nights out past midnight. The ever-disciplined Navy Old Goats are bringing a healthy mix of new recruits and familiar faces across all divisions. And the now-veteran Like A Dog team is hoping the spirit of late coach and Shootout founder Flip Naumburg will spur them on to victory.

Several teams in the Supermasters division are playing for more than just fun and glory. Be sure to ask them more about the worthwhile causes they're raising funds and awareness for.

ELDER STATESMEN

The Elder Statesmen are primed to return to 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, they will sip out of the Eagle River with a mission of spreading their unique brand of Central New York "old school" lacrosse to the Western side of the Mississippi River with the goal of Capturing the Vail Lacrosse Tournament champions. This year the team is playing to honor "Team Lilian" -- a true warrior as she spends her days kicking



cancer's ass and smashing the bully in its nose. She doesn't look for easy and neither will the Statesman on and off the turf.

The squad is made up of former Hobart Statesmen (hence the name) and other Upstate NY born lads hailing from tiny Hamlets as the Crown City of Cortland (6 members attended the prestigious Cortland State Campus nursery school together). Additional members hailing from various lax upstate New York outposts include Rookie member Brian Langtry (Hofstra/Denver Outlaws), and returning vets Lance Savage, Phil McCarthy (Hobart); Syracuse (Dan Pratt), Penn Quakers-Peter Smith, Fox Lane High School (Brian Silcott), San Diego St. (Tom Hannum, Jim Kappler), Florida State/Department of Defense (Josh Rachman), Butler (Sean Monahan), Cornell (Todd Francis), Gettysburg (Brooke Ferrell) Adelphi (Mike Swift), Cortland High School (Mike Martin and Peter Schaffer), Cortland St (Rich Becker), Homer High (Tim Turner) The real Harvard - UMass (Bill Edell), Michigan State (Doug Jolly and Chris Krauss), and also some local Colorado favorites from CSU (Garth Heath) and DU (Darren Tinger and



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Tim Price). This year's team is no different and with a singular focus of camaraderie, enjoyment, merriment, and rekindling decade old friendships, dating back to kindergarten with the team's Motto from Coach Urick voluminous quote book: "Everyday's a holiday, every meal's a banquet!" The team thanks the graciousness and generosity of its sponsors Cortland Based Graph-Tex, Nike, Air Jordan, Schaefer Beer, Tenth Mountain Division Whiskey and Authentic Athletix.

World Lacrosse Foundation/Magic Wands

Coach/Organizer: Jim Schwartz (OWU) and Jim Loffredo(OWU)

Key Players: Casey Powell, Joe Gagliardi, Tony Losito, Joe Gloeckner, Jake Much, Greg Franzen

The Magic Wands are back this year looking to defend their championship from 2017. This year's roster will have a mix of new faces and Wands veterans. There continues to be an Ohio Wesleyan feel to the team, however, the ever growing Upstate NY side of the team is getting larger. The roster is pulling players from 9 different states. The attack will be led

by Casey Powell (Sweet22), Matt Herrold (Maryland), and Jake Much. The midfield will be where the most change is seen. We lost some of the ACC feel. We will be leaning on Greg Franzen (Towson), Jon Bang (Union) Scott Prestridge (Bucknell) and two guys from Mt. St. Marys, Jeremy Raulo and Jace McMahon. The defense returns most of our long poles from last year. Joe Gagliardi (Hopkins), Joe Gloeckner and Tony Losito will anchor us in close. The goal is manned by long time Wand, Jim Schwartz. (OWU). Once again this year we will be playing for Casey Powell's World Lacrosse Foundation, a non- profit that we will be promoting and bringing awareness to his cause (worldlacrosse.org). Please take a moment to go to their website to support this cause.

Finally40

A team of veteran tournament players together on a new team to the Vail Shootout, Finally40 is a mix of local Colorado guys and some of their college buddies from Minnesota, New England and the Tri State. A "young" run and gun team will give any of the top teams in the field a tough game and don't be surprised to see them as the top team in this division. Led by Joe Kerwin, 2007 PNCLL Coach of the Year, master of the game strategy and crafty goal scorer, this team is full of fast midfielders, athletic defenders and goal scoring attack men. All this plus a goalie in Jay Dodge, who could easily dominate at the Elite level. The only downfall of this team is taking the reunion of all these great friends too far at night after the games. Thanks to our sponsor Atlantic Sportswear.

Navy Old Goats

Navy returns for their 28th year in the Vail Shootout with a great attitude and awesome gear. For the 2018 campaign, Navy fields an eclectic group including three founding members, numerous returning players from last year and a host of fresh recruits for all three (40+, 50+ and 60+) teams. Navy will feature their normal core of USNA alumni as well as former serving Navy and Marine





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Like A Dog

Like A Dog is back for the fourth consecutive year participating in the Vail Lacrosse Shootout. Each year has been more fun on and off the field than the previous and this is a trend we hope to continue while also paying homage and helping the entire Vail Lacrosse Shootout community memorialize our friend and coach Flip Naumburg. This team was put together in 2015 by a small group from Pepperdine University that played under Flip during his two years in Malibu, we all just wanted to play one more time with Flip standing in front of us. We had so much fun (and shockingly enough, won a game) that we decided to build a team and come back again. Since then we've extended our roster to include players from all over the country that come together once a year to play hard, have fun, and start planning next year as soon as the final whistle blows.

Generals

The Generals return for their 7th year playing in Vail. The Generals are primarily made up of players from the Colorado Front Range and Vail with a couple of out of state players thrown into the mix. The team is looking forward to improving on its 2-2 showing from last year.

Middlebury

Middlebury is fielding a veteran team. The team is comprised of Middlebury alumni and some of their best friends from around the country. Last year's change to a three-day format was a relief, and we hope to build on prior results and improve our seeding. Erin Quinn '86 is returning to coach in his 22nd consecutive Vail tournament. The Middlebury teams will play in honor of Flip Naumburg. We will miss him dearly.

Team Yellow Dog

Fan Favorite Yellow Dog returns with some new Pups and old Dawgs. Three for one price on old Blue Hens - Mike Miner, Adam Allan and Eric Brine help lead team morality, and Marc Failer and Lyle Wallace bring the attitude. Goal scorers Pat O'Conner and Charlie Watts will be holding down the O. Yellow Dogs are looking to sniff the championship this year. Shout out to Kent Lester and Platte River Equity for the love!

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



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many top tier D-I lacrosse scholarship offers. The Michael Bruce Fund (mbfund.org) was created to support Michael through this injury and since his passing in 2000, to support others suffering from spinal cord injuries.

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

Charlotte's Web

After an incredible OT win last year in a matchup between Charlotte's Web and Mary's Medicinals the two teams have decided to join forces under the Charlotte's Web Brand! So sorry to all the spectators hoping to see another "Ro Sham Bo" to decide the fate of the Rivalry. The combined team has many changes, including the

return of prodigal son JP O'Brien on defense. The team hopes to improve the end results and be a competitive match to the other clubs in the division. We're pretty much just a bunch of guys who like drinking beer and playing lacrosse.

Princeton BCLF

Princeton BCLF plays for the Bobby Campbell Lacrosse Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to growing the game of lacrosse in central New Jersey in honor of the late Bobby Campbell. The team is led on offense by Dan Dickinson and Damon Webber at attack and at midfield by Peter Gillin and Kevin Turek. The defensive unit will be led by Chris Spangler at LSM and the long time defensive trio of Mike Wayland, Bill Rexford and Andy Constan. ■

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Supermasters Division

Conference A

WLF/Magic Wands
Charlotte's Web
Navy Old Goats

Conference B

Elder Statesmen
Princeton BCLF
Team 8

Conference C

Yellow Dog
Middlebury
Finally40

Conference D

Like a Dog
Generals

Thursday, June 28 — Pool Play

Pool	Game #	Visitor	Home	Field	Time
A	1	Charlotte's Web	WLF/Magic Wands	Ford 1 East	12:00 pm
A	2	Navy Old Goats	WLF/Magic Wands	Ford 1 East	1:00 pm
A	3	Charlotte's Web	Navy Old Goats	Ford 1 East	2:00 pm
B	4	Princeton BCLF	Elder Statesmen	Ford 2 West	12:00 pm
B	5	Team 8	Elder Statesmen	Ford 2 West	1:00 pm
B	6	Princeton BCLF	Team 8	Ford 2 West	2:00 pm
C	7	Middlebury	Yellow Dog	Vail Mtn School	12:00 pm
C	8	Finally 40	Yellow Dog	Vail Mtn School	1:00 pm
C	9	Middlebury	Finally 40	Vail Mtn School	2:00 pm
D	10	Generals	Like a Dog	Vail Mtn School	3:00 pm

Pool Play (except Conference D) consists of two twenty minute running halves. Conference D, 12- minute quarters, stop time . Sudden death overtime. Ties in pool play go to fewest goals against.

Friday, June 29

Game #	Visitor	Home	Field	Time
11	D-1	A-1	Vail Mtn School	12:30 pm
12	B-1	C-1	Vail Mtn School	2:00 pm
13	D-2	A-2	Ford 1 East	12:30 pm
14	B-2	C-2	Ford 1 East	2:00 pm
15	B-3	C-3	Ford 2 West	12:30 pm
16	Loser 15	A-3	Ford 2 West	2:00 pm

Saturday, June 30

Game #	Visitor	Home	Field	Time	
17	Winner 11	Winner 12	Ford 1 East	12:30 pm	Championship 3rd Place
18	Loser 11	Loser 12	Ford 2 West	11:00 am	
19	Winner 13	Winner 14	Ford 2 West	12:30 pm	
20	Winner 15	A-3	Ford 1 East	11:00 am	
21	Loser 13	Loser 14	Athletic	11:00 am	
22	Loser 15	Winner 21	Athletic	12:30 pm	

2018 Grandmasters Preview

This division rings true on the July 4th holiday in the celebration of “OLD GLORY”. Read these write-ups and you will appreciate that.

The Eldest Statesmen return with a solid crew. Los Viejos de C2C looks to avenge its 2017 championship game loss. Middlebury, Princeton BCLF and the Ephmen bring strong lacrosse tradition to 8,000 feet (sorry for the reminder).

Odds makers think Tombstone and EMW could climb the bracket. Game #1 is a classic armed forces match up to kick off the division.

Tombstone

In honor of our friend, teammate and coach, Flip Naumburg, Tombstone comes to Vail with a zest for the competition and the comradery of the greatest game on earth. As Flip always did, we come with a smile and a warm heart, excited to compete and celebrate with our lacrosse brethren from across the country.

Funded by the shallow pockets of our players and led by a number of “has-beens” and “never-weres” from such finer institutions as Arizona, Army, Colorado, Colorado

College, Colorado State, Cornell, Cortland, Fort Lewis, Franklin & Marshall, Guilford, Maryland, Massachusetts, Northern Colorado, Penn State, Phillips, Stephen F. Austin, SUNY-Buffalo, UMBC, Union, Washington College, Betty Ford, Passages and various work-release programs, the robust Tombstone squad of (select one: mediocrity, blokes, lazy asses, good for nothings, egotistical dictators) returns to Vail for the (select one: 40th, next, last, please honey can't we vacation somewhere else around the 4th?) time looking forward to a number of (select one: beers, glacial paced games, walkabouts) with our many (select one: friends, fellow hacks, drinking buddies, co-conspirators) from across the continent at an elevation sufficient to choke a yak. With its roots in Colorado, Tombstone is fortunate to encompass players from every time zone and region of the country. We wish Flip were here to celebrate with us!

EMW (East meets west)

Playing in the Grand Masters division for their second 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.

The Eldest Statesmen

The Eldest Statesmen are locked and loaded to defend their 2017 Grand Masters Title this year. We again have our core group of Hobart Players from the early 80's along and a strong Upstate NY Contingent. That nucleus is rounded out with Key additions



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who “Play the game the right way”, and true to our motto “Never look for Easy”. We also have our secret weapon and Master of Ceremonies “Scootch” Cleary who has already started pre-gaming to guide us On and Off the field! We are playing this year to honor Hobart Coach Dave Urick, who inspired so many with his life lessons, way more important than the game itself. We look forward to playing and celebrating another year at the Shootout!

Navy Grand Goats

Navy returns for their 28th year in the Vail Shootout with a great attitude and awesome gear. For the 2018 campaign, Navy fields an eclectic group including three founding members, numerous returning players from last year and a host of fresh recruits for all three (40+, 50+ and 60+) teams. Navy will feature their normal core of USNA alumni as well as former serving Navy and Marine Corps veterans and a solid group of players from Army West Point.

Navy is thrilled to once again partner with the Navy SEAL Foundation for the Vail tournament. We are grateful to the NSF for the opportunity to support our Naval Special Warfare personnel and their families. We are also extremely grateful to the staff of the Vail Shootout for 28 amazing years in the mountains.

GO NAVY!

Middlebury Alumni Lacrosse Club

The team is returning intact after last year's 3rd place finish. We are hoping that our seed this year makes for a great final game against our perennial opponent. Erin Quinn '86 is returning to coach in his 22nd consecutive Vail tournament. The Middlebury teams will play in honor of Flip Naumberg. We will miss him dearly.

Los Viejos de C2C

Coach/Organizer: Chip Flanagan (IF he survives the ZenMasters Games)



Key Players: In Their Minds, They ALL are!

The second generation of Los Abuleos, Los Viejos return with an even larger contingent than in years past continuing to represent their Texas club roots along with some honorary Texas “friends”.

The passing of Tournament co-Creator Flip Naumberg gives us all pause to reflect on his impact on the Tournament and to be thankful for his legacy. It's fitting this year that we can represent Flip's strong love of family by having two (2) sets of three (3) brothers on this year's team. The Guglielmo and Wimer boys bring their talents and strengthen our “family” bonds. We think Flip would be proud.

We also wish to mourn the passing of two original Southwest Lacrosse Association (the original Texas team) players we lost this year, Watts Wacker and Terry Gilmore. Without their early contributions, we wouldn't be where we are today.

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Depth is the theme of this year's team with strong faceoffs from Rocco Guglielmo and John Marano, Goaltending from Kyle Andrews and Joe Bottner, a veritable host of middies, Defense by committee and an Attack lead by Patrick O'Connor (welcome back) and Big Karl Wimer.

We hope this leads us deep into the bracket but rest assured we won't be cheated out of any fun along the way.

Los Viejos are again sponsored by C2C Lacrosse, a nationwide organization comprised of boys, girls and coaches in various regions. C2C offers a wide array of services to those lacrosse players who strive and desire to become the very best player possible. Added sponsorship this year by the Vail Chop-house in Lionshead and the legendary Phil Long. Best patio atmosphere in Lionshead.

Ephmen

The Williams College Ephmen once again go "coast to coast" from the shores of Hawaii and the coastline in Maine to play the Creators Game in Vail. Some people 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 in the Vail Valley. Sprinkled amongst the EPHMEN are some former players from Johns Hopkins, Denison, UNH, and UMBC. Besides a meaningful reunion in a beautiful setting, the true highlight of the Ephmen's trip is that they will once again be coached by IMLCA Hall of Famer, Renzie Lamb. Coach Lamb is the first IMLCA Hall of Famer to spend his entire career in Division III. He spent all 35 of those years at Williams College where he compiled a 252 -184 regular season, 23-19 postseason record including 5 ECAC Division III and 19 Little Three championships. At his Hall of Fame induction Coach Lamb was asked if he could possibly envision the massive growth of lacrosse. Renzie stated, "Back then you KNEW everyone in the country that was playing lacrosse. Then it was maybe 1,000 people. Today, it is in the millions." We will be celebrating Coach Lamb's 81st birthday with him in Vail. If you see Coach Lamb, wish him a Happy Birthday and thank him for all he did for our sport. Chances are he'll make you smile/laugh. The Ephmen roster also boasts coaching titans from the high school ranks of Delaware, Brad DuPont and Rhode Island, Larry Madiera. GO EPHMEN!

Air Force GrayBirds

Coaches/Organizers: Charles A. "Cat" Stevens, USAFA Class of '74, USAFA Head Lacrosse Coach 1979-1983, Participated in the Shootout since 1974, Coached Gray-Birds entry in Supermasters 1998-2011: Grandmasters in 2012-2013, 2015-17
Key Players: Brian Zembraski, A, AFA '87; Floyd Dunstan, D, AFA '87; Brad Powell, D, AFA '83; John Wilson, G, Vanderbilt '89

The core of our team is Air Force Academy graduates, Classes of 1977 thru 1988; Remainder are friends of AFA alumni and, like them, are from all over the country. No sponsors. 2018 will be the GrayBirds' 21st consecutive year of competition in the "Honored Citizen" levels of



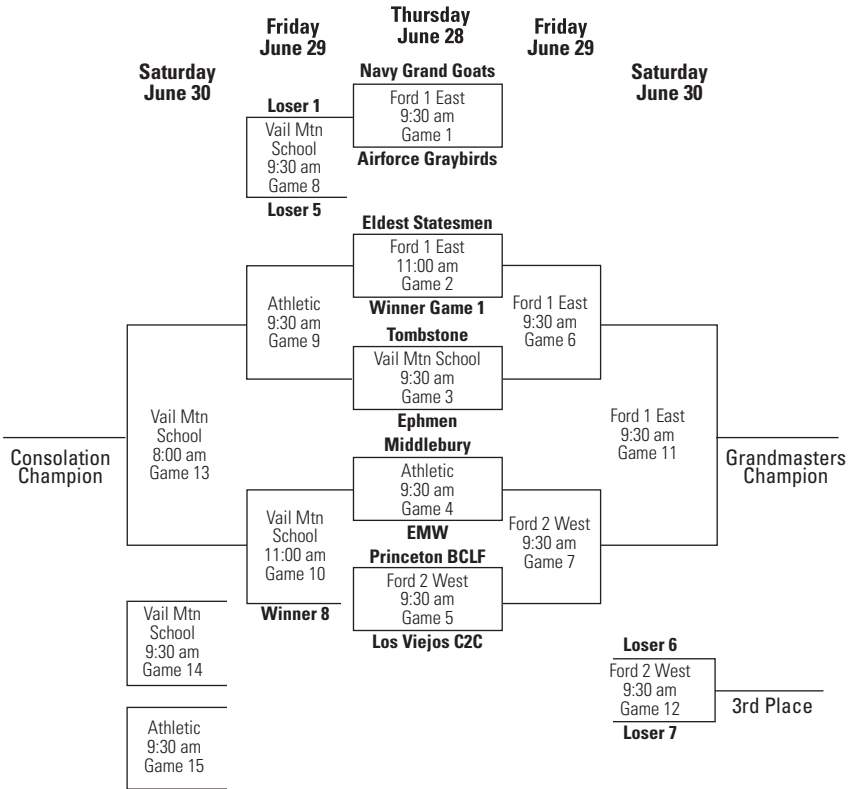
the Shootout. Seven years ago, we moved to the Grandmasters level after 14 years in the Supermasters division because, while we hadn't gotten any older, everyone else seemed to be getting younger. We could still run down the field with the youngsters, but faced a bit of a challenge running upfield with them. Besides, since the Grandmasters played earlier in the mornings, we could get earlier tee times in the afternoon and thus finish our golf outings before the thunderstorms rolled in. Last year, we had quality players, but not enough of them to be as successful as we would have liked to have been. This year appears to be more of the same, but we still will compete

to the max on the field. Regardless of whether we win or lose, however, it's a joy to still be playing this wonderful game in such a beautiful setting and we thank the tournament organizers and the town of Vail for allowing us to do so. Off we go...

Princeton BCLF

Princeton BCLF plays for the Bobby Campbell Lacrosse Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to growing the game of lacrosse in central New Jersey in honor of the late Bobby Campbell. The team will be sparked on offense by the play of Chris Gabrielsen and Pat Ward at attack and Andy Klumpp at midfield and on the defensive side by the strong play of goalie Jeff Olson. ■

Grandmasters Bracket



Note: Teams in games 14 and 15 will be matched to avoid repeat opponents
One team plays 2 games

2018 Zenmasters Preview

The AARP gang is back at it again. The masters of zen return to honor the Creator's Game. This is definitely where players show up to respect the tradition.

Each team fields its legends. Good old days are fondly remembered and new tales are created. Welcome back old friends. Enjoy!

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 after last year's good showing 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. We feel Nick Carroll's leather helmet embodies our sense of tradition, while all the 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 Bob Hiester, our long-time coach, ably assisted by his son Brian.

Mr. Boh

The MR. BOH Lacrosse Zenmasters team is based in Baltimore, Maryland. We follow a long Maryland tradition of lacrosse. When playing lacrosse in Maryland, you quickly learn about our namesake, National Bohemian Beer ("Natty BOH"). And if you've ever been to Canton, MD you'll recognize the face – yeah, the big red one that winks at you once in a while – the one and only "MR BOH." The Natty BOH tradition brings us back to the time when we could play and celebrate like 20 year olds. We look forward to returning to Vail and competing in the 2018 Vail Shootout.

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Los Abuelos de C2C

Coaches/Organizers: Coach Dave Vollmer returns (again) as Head Coach and organizer of the Annual Vollmer Brothers Fish Fry (Bring Your Own Fish)

Key Players: The Trainer

Most of the old SWLA (Southwest Lacrosse Association) alums are back for another year of Zenmasters Lacrosse.

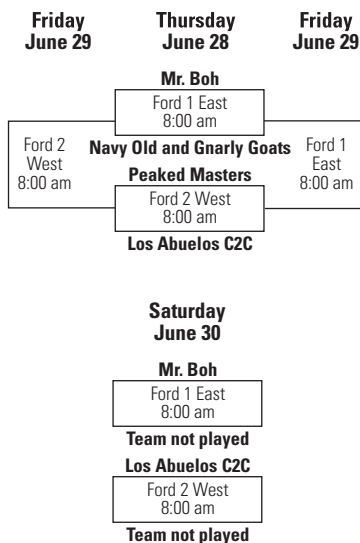
We mourn the passing of two of our long time alums, Watts Wacker and Terry Gilmore, who we lost this past year as well as tournament Co-Creator Flip Naumburg. Many played against Flip back in the Aspen days and all are saddened by his passing. We know though they're in good company in lacrosse heaven sharing stories with our old Coach, Earl Bill. We appreciate the Tournament (and Flip's leadership and stewardship) providing us yet another opportunity to live out our dreams of playing yet another year.

This year Los Abuleos adds the ageless Brent Hopkins to the roster playing in his 4th Division and keeping his streak of attending every Vail Shootout since 1982 alive. This year's mantra... "GIVE the ball to Brent." Joining Brent at midfield after a year hiatus are Don Carnes and Malcolm Gauld. "New-comer" Kyle Andrews also moves up a Division to back up wily veteran (6x6) Phil Ordoyne in the cage. We continue to maintain "the older we get, the better we were."

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Zenmasters Bracket



The Beautiful Game

By: Craig River Westling

In the spring of 1987 my college lacrosse team was in a pitched battle with our bitter rival to determine which team would stand alone at the top of the league rankings. The score was close, with both teams playing hard and well. After delivering a crushing hit on an opposing attackman to swing both momentum and the ball our way, our All-American defenseman came running towards the sideline in clear distress.

“Westling!” our defensive coach yelled. I jumped off the bench and I ran towards the substitution box while buckling my helmet, eager to get my first meaningful game time. The coach looked at me and said, “Kirker might need your helmet.”

There are a few times in life that, in retrospect, seem pivotal in shaping who you

are – tough lessons learned that are hard at the time, but end up being seminal experiences. This situation needed no retrospection. Learning that you are the most expendable person on the team gets to the core of your self-confidence. I knew that how I handled the searing disappointment in that moment was important. I unbuckled my helmet and offered it up. I was, after all, part of a team and this is what the team needed from me.

The game of lacrosse has given me lifelong friends and taught me immensely important lessons about hard work, overcoming obstacles, losing with grace and winning with humility. But this isn't a story about redemption or coming back from the depths of being the last kid picked. Rather, this is a story about working hard to do all

that for years...and then, in my 40's, finally awakening to the true beauty of the game – which far surpasses any ego-centric experience of team wins or individual awards. It's about the ego-less flow of the game...the perfect anticipation and synchronization of movement that results in poetry of motion and is immaterial to the final score. This flow is not something you can work harder to achieve – it is something that happens when you are fully immersed in the moment without even thinking about it.

Lacrosse was created by the Native People of what is now North America. It sprang from different regions with different styles and rules, but every variation had one thing in common – it was an honor to be chosen to play “the creator's game.” In fact, it was the women of the tribes who selected a team's players based on each man's character and integrity. Being chosen to play was an opportunity to test your skill, stamina, strength and teamwork in matches against other tribes. To this day lacrosse is known as the fastest game on two feet. The game requires players with various skill sets to play different positions, and individuals can shine, but the strongest players still need teammates to get the ball off the ground and make passes to throw the other team off balance – you must play together to play well.

But here's the thing about this sacred game that sometimes gets lost in the modern era of lacrosse as a big business where winning is everything: We need our opponents to experience the joy of playing. The true test of skill and teamwork is to play against another team. As the legendary Cayuga Nation player and Bucknell University coach Sid Jamieson shared with his teams, the traditional post-game handshake started as a way to express gratitude to opponents for the opportunity to play the game. Honor.

Gratitude. Joy. That's amateur sport at its highest level of integrity.

Being the last kid picked back in 1987 motivated me to work harder to prove I belonged. But a string of individual awards and team glory did nothing to satiate that longing. I needed to continually validate that I deserved to be on whatever team I was playing on. There is a lot to be said for that kind of motivation, but at some point it became a joyless, Sisyphean task. That all changed one day in Vail, CO, playing at 8,000 feet with my Middlebury College alumni team.

I was playing man-down defense when the midfielder I was sliding towards wound up to shoot. I knew from where he was on the field – the distance and angle – that our goalie, Al Smiley (an All-American who graduated a year ahead of me), was going to make the save. I paused a beat to encourage the guy to shoot, and once he did I released upfield towards open space. On a dead run I glanced over my left shoulder to see Alan make the save, scan the field and lock onto my release angle – all in one continuous motion. He knew by the player spacing that the best way to exploit our opponent's positioning was to throw the ball to someone streaking into one of the gaps. Alan literally sees what is unfolding before it happens. He quickly slung the ball to the spot on the field where I would be in a few seconds.

I looked again to track the ball Alan had launched my way, and I watched it sail over the outstretched sticks of my pursuers and land at the exact spot, at the exact instant where my fully extended stick was reaching...while sprinting full speed. The ball landed on the lip of my crosse and settled into my pocket. Instinctively I switched hands just as a last-ditch stick-check grazed my hip. I heard the thud of my pursuer tumbling to the ground behind me. In the

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blink of an eye, without needing to communicate – just being fully in the flow of the game – we had gone from man-down on defense to a fast break on offense.

I don't remember the outcome of that fast break. However, I do remember being acutely aware of being fully present in the flow of a subtle, exquisitely nuanced and beautiful game. It was, for me, a full awakening. Winning or losing was an afterthought compared to being in that moment. It was a common, unremarkable play, but metaphorically speaking I had finally arrived at where I wanted to be. After all that hard work, that long pursuit of validation, I came to realize that being there was actually effortless. It happened because I was playing the game fully aware...without needing to think about it. If only we all could play in that space all the time! It turns out we can, given the right context.

Several years later I was invited to play in a summer pickup game in New London, NH. Always weary of hyper-competitive males wielding sticks while reliving some long-gone glory days, I figured I'd show up and watch for a while to get a feel for the game's vibe. What I experienced brought a smile to my face and renewed my faith that the roots of the creator's game run deep...

I was greeted with a warm welcome by Bub Morgan and Mike Heffernan. Bub and his friend Stave Hadley started the local youth lacrosse program some 20 years prior, and Mike joined them soon thereafter when his kids started playing. The guys milling around the field ranged in age from teens to gray hairs in their 60's. Bub and Mike greeted everyone by name, as virtually every player had either been coached by one of them, had coached with one of them, or been coached by someone who had played for one of them. There was a generational,

tribal thread that pulsed through the banter.

Once the pile of sticks was dispersed to randomly make the teams, a ball was rolled onto the field and I could tell this was something special. The play was fast and hard, but under control and not violent. Players sorted themselves to get fair matchups – college player vs. college player, high schooler vs. high schooler, gray hair vs. gray hair. Guys held up on body checks, and less experienced players were given more space while being encouraged by all.

I was feeling the vibe that Bub and Steve and Mike created in the New London lacrosse community. Everyone was playing hard and having fun. It was, in essence, an intra-tribe game between fathers and sons and friends who had grown up together and knew and respected each other immensely. It did not surprise me to learn (over a post-game pint at the local pub) that Bub had played with and for Sid Jamieson at Bucknell, where Sid was a player/coach on the original club team. In fact, Bub invited Sid to speak to his high school team about the roots of the game a few times over the years. This tribe had a direct connection to the birth of lacrosse.

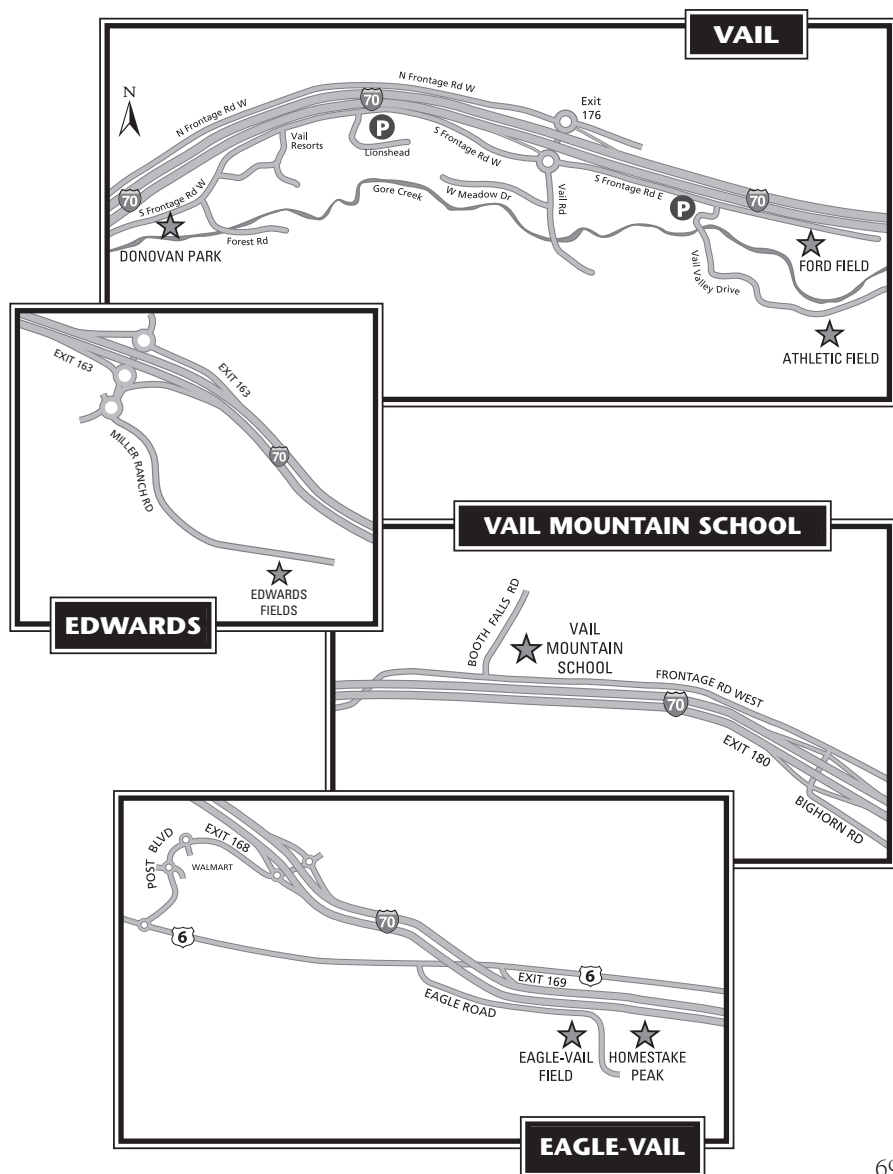
I have played in the New London pickup game for several years now and watched players grow from high school to college, or college to career, and they keep coming back on Wednesday nights. Some of them are becoming elders in their own right – the people who set the tone and teach the younger players how to play the game the right way – with honor and integrity and above all, with joy. When it's played that way the most beautiful game effortlessly reveals itself. ■

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Family

By David Soran

Mere words cannot do justice to adequately honor our good friend Flip Naumburg who will be absent for this year and all the ones to follow. He was a great husband, father, brother, uncle, coach and friend. This tournament will never be the same without him, but it will go on in his honor. Here are some thoughts from 48 years of Flip. If this was a book it would be much like *War and Peace*, because that is what a relationship with Flipper was like. You would go to war with him, you maybe had a fight or two with him if he really liked you and you would enjoy so much peace around him.

Born April 7 in Abington, PA, young Flip loved baseball more than anything else. His sister Judy recalled the young batsman, who

was always thinking, with this story. "The one story I keep telling is when he was little he and Mom loved to watch the Phillies play. She got him started in Little League and when he

was up at bat, he crouched down so low so his strike zone was so small, nobody could ever strike him out. By age nine he knew all the Phillies players' name, and their stats by heart. When the Phillies finally won the World Series in October, 1980 after a 77 record breaking year drought, he got down on his knees and thanked God."

Flip loved the idea of family. Starting about 1970 my brother Jim started bringing home college roommates from

Navy and then Colorado College. They all brought weird sticks with them. Then one weekend a green Toyota Land Cruiser with a



*Phillip "FLIP" Naumburg
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plastic, balding doll tied to the bumper rolled up. It was a bespectacled longhaired, bow-legged young man named Flip. Little did I know how that man would change my life in so many ways, and perhaps some of yours too.

My mother loved these visitors and adopted them all, and she loved Flip like her own. Thank God for Moms that adopt their son's college roommates. Two particular families on the East Coast who have adopted our sons, Joey and Matt, have paid me back pretty handsomely these past three years.

The first thing Flip taught me was to string sticks. He and Jimmy and I would go across the street and play catch, I was a 10-year old in heaven. Not long after I would be dropped off at the bus station

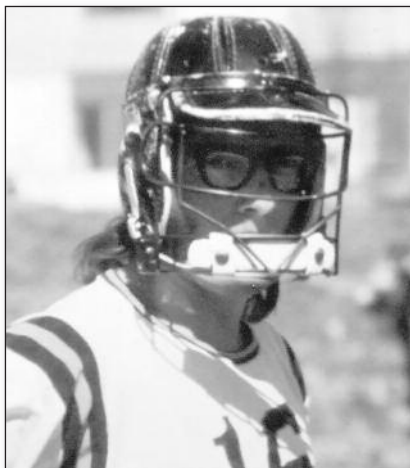
to go visit Jim at Colorado College on the weekend and ball boy for Coach Doc Stabler, 50 cents a game. Loved those days. Flip facing off and winding up from the top of the box. I chased a lot of his misses and celebrated plenty of their goals including the huge win at Air Force to win the RMAC championship sending the Zoomies back to their dorms to lick their wounds.

Late one June evening in 1976 a blue shortbed Chevy K10 with a camper shell rolled up to our house with Flipper in it to get Jim and go to Aspen, I am 14. Jim asked if I wanted to join them.....hmmm. Game on. We loaded the goals awkwardly on top of the Truck with the point of them up in the air. I am not sure if either of them really knew if that would fit through the new Eisenhower Tunnel. Thank God they did. We lined the fields together with bags of flour from the local grocery store and at night hosted keggers

at the Jerome Hotel, which had a high dive at the pool. Yes, let your imagination run wild at that scenario: High dive, kegs, pool, and drunken lacrosse players. 43 years later we are all still here thanks to Flip and Jim. They will always be my lacrosse brothers. We fought, we loved and we tried to give back to the creator's game. I always hated to disappoint those two.

When I was in college we remodeled a

house together, the "Albatross on ALBION." What a fun two-year ordeal. If you did not know, Flip was a master wood worker, he loved to design and create. He built every custom scrap of wood in that masterpiece. I was their laborer, painter, and drywall man. Flip taught me about different types of woods and how to finish them. He built a gorgeous redwood deck on the house and I was in

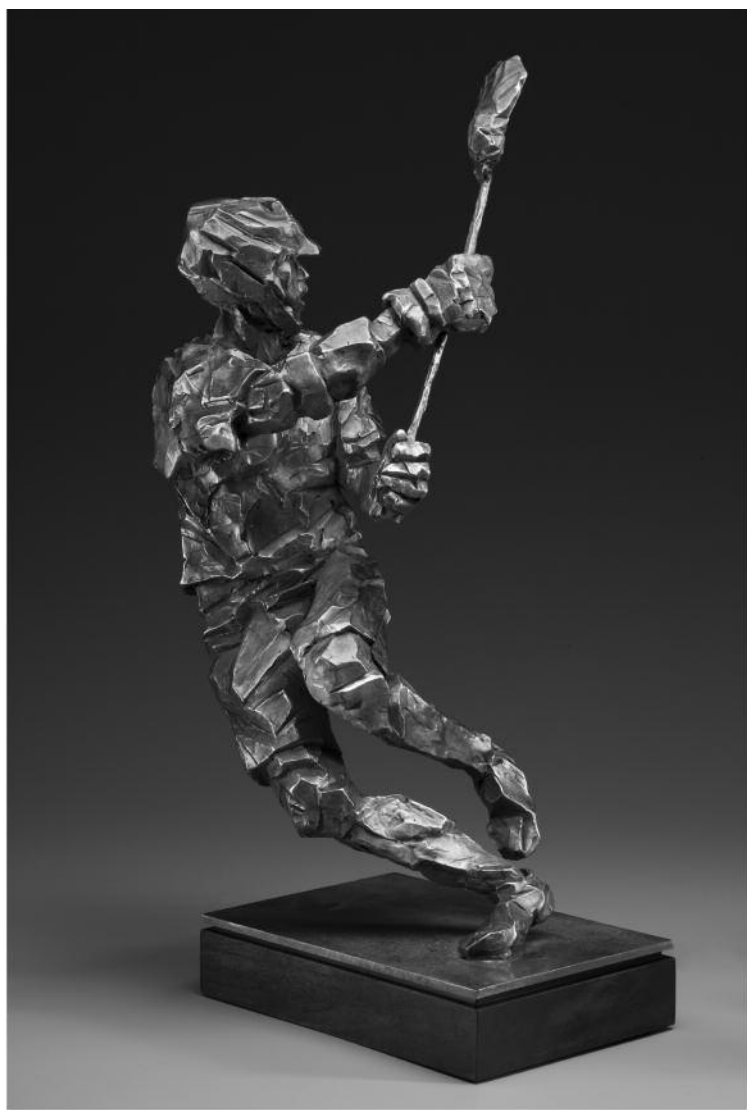


charge of putting tongue oil on it. One day I went to my college class in the middle of doing that chore. Let me tell you from experience and rage, oil soaked rags and sunshine do not mix well when left alone. I greatly disappointed that day. Thank God the whole thing did not burn down. I was in the Doghouse with Flip's dog Ollie for a long time.

Pick-a-Peck-of-Pickled-Pecos: If you were one of the people who attended one of Flip's parties in Pecos, then you remember that, what happened in Pecos, stays in Pecos!

Santa Barbara: As luck would have it when my wife Kathy and I moved to LA Flip was coaching at UCSB and we had the best weekends driving up to visit him up on the hill. Why is it that every house Flip ever owned was on a long and winding road?

Ah, Vail: A few years after that fateful night in 1976 it would be me rolling up to Brian's house to take him away from his fam-



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ily and go to Vail. The four of us have been coming up to Vail together every year since. Brian was first struck by sitting with Jim and Flip at the scorer's table, (yes, we actually used to score the games) and how they watched the game differently. Not caring so much about the scores or the ooh and ahh plays but watching it through a coach's eyes. What were the strategies, the substitutions, the situational opportunities that brought out the greatness in a role player. Whenever Flip and Jim talked they always came back to coaching, sharing ideas and thoughts. They turned out to be two pretty good coaches, I must say.

Brian and I were always trying to keep up with Flip's latest ideas and how to make the tournament better. In the process we did a lot of damage to fields, vehicles, and who knows

what, but we have had so much fun together. One fine summer day Flip backed into Brian's truck and tears the bumper off. Of course, according to Flip, Brian was parked in the

wrong place, so it was his fault. Remember the Godfather scene with the horse head? That night Flip is deep asleep and Brian and I, in our totally clear minds, decide to sneak in and tape the offending bumper to the ceiling above his bed. When he awoke, focused and found his glasses and recovered his composure he loved it. We did not disappoint that day.

This tournament has brought more people into our lives than I can even remember. Flip always brought a crew with him, and from the parking lot they were duly rewarded with staff T-shirts, beer and a new name. From the Pep-

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perdine era came Tom Campy and crew, from Santa Barbara came the Paint Shed Boys led by Doobie and his band of Brothers. In later years we had the Hitler Youth (no offense please), the Branch Flippidians and Mr. McGoo's Muggles to name a few that can be printed. You millenials look up that Mr. McGoo reference.

No group has been through more wars with Flip than the Ram Nation featuring Flip disciples such as Garrett, Kale, Alex, Mike and a host of others. Kale can go on for days about Flip, but he told me a great memory of when he was a player for him. Some small percentage of college attendees celebrate Thursday

as the end of their work week. Many lacrosse players at CSU were in agreement with this policy. They liked to call Friday practice, Friday Funday, because they wanted to do fun practices that day. Something contrary to executing the Coach's practice plan. One fall Friday Flip has had enough and puts them on the line for sprints. One after the other, but they keep chanting Funday Friday as they slog to the finish or otherwise purge last night's sins. Flip keeps going, and so does the chant. Finally, after a brutal run of gassers he just gives up, loses the whistle and starts laughing.

One year in Vail he brought a pseudo-vegetarian/chef to cook all of our staff meals. Once again he relented to the team chants of "kill the cow" after about five days of the battle. I loved to see him laugh and smile, his laugh was one of his great gifts.

From my brother Jim: "Flip and I met in 1972, I'd transferred into Colorado College

from the Naval Academy where I had played lacrosse and Flip had transferred into Colorado



College from New Mexico right about the same time, so we started playing lacrosse together. Flip was unique in his playing style and he was an extremely gifted athlete. He had a certain energy that was really unmatched and just a passion for the game. We were both relatively new to the game and became focused on becoming better players and learned to love the game together." When you see Jim ask him about their trip to the Grand Canyon.

From one of Flip's blogs, March 2015:

<http://rock-itpocket.com/joyful-noise-dont-let-approach-become-reproach/>


JUST SAY VAIL or EIGHT DAYS AT 8000'

"Perhaps my greatest lacrosse good fortune might have been to have, at a very young age, stumbled upon the responsibility of organizing and orchestrating the Vail Lacrosse Shootout summer tournament every year since 1973. It started in Aspen. It is the granddaddy of summer lacrosse events. My brother Steve had a PAD, and someone had a keg of Olympia beer, and the rest as they say is history. Plastic lacrosse heads and the Vail Shootout are right next to each other on the lacrosse history timeline. We moved to Vail in 1978. We did not run the tournament early on as much as it just grew and needed to be tended. Along with my best friend for life and my teammate in college, Jim Soran, I/we loved uniting a Rocky Mountain setting with some of the best players and teams in the

world. It grew, the staff grew, too. I had the opportunity to pick the brains of the best players in the world every Fourth of July week because they were all right there next to me, in Vail. It helped me as a player and as a coach. Teams from Long Island did not play (or even organize) the same as teams from Baltimore, and neither did the individual players. I lived for and played 'Masters' stuff until almost 50, and that is another story. I started coaching at CC right where I was right after graduation, and I coached here and there for a whole lot of years, most of my life, and mostly at the college Men's level. I was at Pepperdine and UCSB early on as I lived the beach boy life. I also coached JV High school. The longest coaching stretch was the 15 years or so that I spent at Colorado State in the MCLA. In eight years we brought home 4 MCLA National Championships to Fort Collins."

#RememberingFlip #RIPFLIP #FAMILY
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"The Man the Myth, the Legend: Flip's legacy is based on Family, friends, passion and innovation. He brought the game of lacrosse from a flat head to the cantilevered head, he brought lacrosse the shot clock, the two pointer, lacrosse in Vail and most of all, an unrivaled passion and love for the sport. Today as you sit in this gorgeous valley of the Creator, enjoying his sport, think of Flip and smile, laugh, share a story or shed a tear. My brother, my friend you are already in THE HALL OF FAME, The folks in Baltimore just don't know it yet. We love and miss you FLIP" ■



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Sunday, June 24 - Wednesday, July 4

Time	Event/Description	Location
Sunday, June 24		
8 a.m.–5 p.m.	Vail Lacrosse Shootout	Ford Park, Vail Athletic Field, Vail Mountain School (VMS)
10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	Vail Farmer's Market and Art Show	Meadow Drive, Int'l Bridge, Vail Village
10 a.m.–4 p.m.	Vail Arts Festival	Lionshead Mall
Noon–3 p.m.	Vail Jazz @ the Market	Jazz Tent at Solaris
6 p.m.	Bravo! Vail: Academy of St Martin in the Fields – <i>Bel: Bach, Barber & Tchaikovsky</i>	Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater
Monday, June 25		
8 a.m.–5 p.m.	Vail Lacrosse Shootout	Ford Park, Vail Athletic Field, VMS
Tuesday, June 26		
8 a.m.–5 p.m.	Vail Lacrosse Shootout	Ford Park, Vail Athletic Field, VMS
6:30–8:30 p.m.	Hot Summer Nights Free Concert Series: <i>Winter Wondergrass Allstars</i>	Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater
Wednesday, June 27		
8 a.m.–5 p.m.	Vail Lacrosse Shootout	Ford Park, Vail Athletic Field, VMS
6 p.m.	Bravo! Vail: Dallas Symphony Orchestra – <i>Măcelaru conducts Rachmaninoff</i>	Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater
6 p.m.–9 p.m.	Vail Summer Bluegrass Concert Series – <i>River Whyless</i>	Vail Square at Arrabelle
Thursday, June 28		
8 a.m.–5 p.m.	Vail Lacrosse Shootout	Ford Park, Vail Athletic Field, VMS
Friday, June 29		
8 a.m.–5 p.m.	Vail Lacrosse Shootout	Ford Park, Vail Athletic Field, VMS
6 p.m.	Bravo! Vail: Dallas Symphony Orchestra – <i>Women Rock!</i>	Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater
Saturday, June 30		
8 a.m.–5 p.m.	Vail Lacrosse Shootout	Ford Park, Vail Athletic Field, VMS
11 a.m.–3 p.m.	Vail Family Fun Fest	Lionshead Mall/Vail Square at Arrabelle
6 p.m.	Bravo! Vail: Dallas Symphony Orchestra – <i>Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony</i>	Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater
Sunday, July 1		
8 a.m.	Ticket sale – walk up only for Bravo! Vail <i>Patriotic Concert</i>	GRFA box office
8 a.m.–5 p.m.	Vail Lacrosse Shootout	Ford Park, Vail Athletic Field, VMS
10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	Vail Farmer's Market and Art Show	Meadow Drive, Int'l Bridge, Vail Village
11 a.m.–Noon	Jammin' Jazz Kids	Jazz Tent at Solaris
Noon–3 p.m.	Vail Jazz @ The Market	Jazz Tent at Solaris
6 p.m.	Bravo! Vail: Dallas Symphony Orchestra – <i>Tango Caliente</i>	Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater
Monday, July 2		
8 a.m.–5 p.m.	Vail Lacrosse Shootout	Ford Park, Vail Athletic Field, VMS
11 a.m.–5 p.m.	Vail Public Library Book Sale	Vail Public Library
6 p.m.	Bravo! Vail: Dallas Symphony Orchestra – <i>Movie Music: Out of this World</i>	Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater

Tuesday, July 3

8 a.m.–5 p.m.	Vail Lacrosse Shootout	Ford Park, Vail Athletic Field, VMS
10 a.m.–4 p.m.	Vail Public Library Book Sale	Vail Public Library
6:30–8:30 p.m.	Hot Summer Nights Free Concert Series: <i>Devon Allman Project featuring Duane Betts</i>	Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater

Tuesday, July 3

8 a.m.–9 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast Open to the Public	Vail Interfaith Chapel
8 a.m.–Noon	Vail Public Library Bake Sale	Vail Public Library
8 a.m.–5 p.m.	Vail Lacrosse Shootout	Ford Park, Vail Athletic Field, VMS
9 a.m.–10 a.m.	Interfaith Worship Service	Vail Interfaith Chapel
9 a.m.–4 p.m.	Vail Public Library Book Sale	Vail Public Library
10 a.m.–Noon	Vail America Days™ Parade Theme: <i>America's Great Outdoors</i>	Golden Peak to Lionshead
Noon–9 p.m.	Vail Summer Bluegrass Concert Series – <i>Horseshoes & Hand Grenades</i>	Vail Square at Arabelle
2 p.m.	Bravo! Vail: Dallas Symphony Orchestra <i>Patriotic Concert</i>	Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater
DUSK	Fireworks (Conditions Permitting)	Golden Peak

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PARKING

• Access to events in Ford Park include the following options:

- Parking is **free** in the Vail Village and Lionshead parking garages **except for overnight**. If both structures fill to capacity, overflow parking will be available on the Frontage Road until 11:00 p.m.
- **There will be a \$25 overnight fee for vehicles parked in the structures between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. applicable from May 25th, 2018 thru September 30th, 2018.**
- A new ticketing system that allows the town to track daily activity within the Vail Village and Lionshead structures will be put in place. Drivers will be required to pull a ticket upon entrance and will need to insert it at exit gate.

Parking hosts will be onsite throughout the summer to assist guests and instructional signage will be posted throughout the garage to remind guests of the process.

- The Ford Park parking lot has **EXTREMELY** limited parking spots, so it is encouraged to park in the parking garages and take the bus.
 - \$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).
- Parking at Donovan Park will be limited on the following dates due to weddings and other events scheduled at the Donovan Pavilion: June 27 – July 4.
- For more information on parking, please see www.vaileventparking.com

BUS ROUTES:

- **Using the bus is the preferred and most efficient transportation option!**
- Lacrosse players are encouraged to drive to the Ford Park or the Athletic Field turn-out to unload their gear, then return to park in either the Vail Village or Lionshead Parking Structure and take the extended in-town

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- shuttle bus back or Special Events bus back to the field.
- 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, June 14 through Sept. 30, the loop route includes stops in Lionshead and Vail Village with a turnaround at Ford Park.
 - The Special Events Express Bus provides circular service from 6:30am-9:30pm from the Transit Center on the top deck of the Lionshead Parking Structure to the top deck of Vail Village Parking Structure in front of the Information Booth and then to the Ford Park bus stop before returning to Lionshead.
 - Expanded Bus Service is continued this summer for added convenience on the East Vail, Golf Course, and Sandstone routes. These routes will now offer double the frequency running every 30 - 60 minutes during the day. This supports lowering gas emissions in our valley, personal economic advantages of taking a free bus, and helping relieve parking congestion in town.
 - For more information on bus schedules: www.vailgov.com/bus-schedules
 - For Eagle County bus service: www.eaglecounty.us/Transit/Schedules
 - Call 970-477-3456 for more route information.

JULY 4TH:

- Starting at 7 a.m., Vail Valley Drive will be one-way westbound from the Pulis Bridge, east of Ford Park, to the Vail Athletic Field in order to accommodate the staging for the parade.
- The extended in-town shuttle to the Vail Athletic Field will not be operating until after the parade is over.
- Buses will operate in a continuous loop from the top deck of the Vail Village Parking Structure to the Vail Athletic Field beginning at 8:00 a.m. until the parade traffic has cleared. If you chose to walk to the field, the most efficient access will be through the lower bench of Ford Park.

- JULY 1st- Patriotic concert ticket sales begin at 8:00 a.m. - walk up only at Gerald Ford Amphitheatre
- JULY 4th - Patriotic concert gates open at 12:30PM, concerts starts at 2:00PM. Lawn seats are free, first-come, first-serve.

FIREWORKS

- Leave the fireworks to professionals. It is illegal to shoot off personal fireworks in Vail.
- Enjoy a fireworks display at Golden Peak at dusk on July 4th (conditions permitting).
- Suggestions for prime firework viewing include Golden Peak, Mountain Plaza and the top deck of the Vail Village Parking Structure. Visit www.vailamericadays.com for a full schedule of activities.

SAFETY & TOWN REGULATIONS

- If you bring your pet into town, bring a leash. Pets are not allowed at Ford Park.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on the streets of Vail year-round, as well as in all town owned parks.

GROUP DINING RESERVATIONS

- Please call ahead for reservations if you have a group of 5 or more.
- Please try and call ahead for large takeout orders. Menus for all restaurants are available online.

Helpful Phone Numbers

- Emergencies 911
- Vail Police (non-emergency) . . . 970 479-2200
- Vail Fire (non-emergency) 970 479-2250
- Vail Valley Medical Center 970 476-2451
- Vail Bus Schedule 970 477-3456
- Vail Parking 970-479-2445
- ECO Regional Transportation . . 970 328-3520
- Resort Information & Activities Center (Vail Mountain) 970 754-8245
- Vail Village Welcome Center . . . 970 477-3522
- Lionshead Welcome Center . . . 970 477-3523
- Vail Chamber & Business Association 970 477-0075
- Vail Valley Partnership 970 476-1000
- Vail Recreation District 970 479-2279
- Vail America Days Information . 970 476-6797
- Lost & Found (In Town) 970 479-2210
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Top, l. to r.: Casey and Nate—stage 4 neuroblastoma cancer; Andrew Pollack— Parkland, Florida Playground for Meadow Pollack;
Josh—acute myeloid cancer with Coach Tillman; Bottom, l. to r.: Nate with the Syracuse Lacrosse Team; Peyton—Phenotype
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