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WELCOME! If you are attending the Vail Lacrosse Shootout for the first time, we hope it will be an annual event for you for decades to come. If you have been coming for decades we say “THANKS.”

We also want to give a shout out to our fabulous staff, which includes trainers, scorekeepers, timers, announcers and heavy lifters. Some of the heavy lifters we want to mention are Michelle and Jeff Secor who run the women's divisions, Pat Gartland for the men's U-19, Lisa Lear our trainer coordinator, Charlie Obermayer for referees, Garrett Fitzgerald for Elite men's coordination, Jeff Phillips-Strain for our program, Tahlia Sayers for Ford 1 management and Nikki Soran McClintock for website. The muscle men are John Thurmond, who does field set up, and Kale Nelson, who feeds the staff.

Of course, none of us would make it to Vail, find our fields, have referees or pretty much have a tournament without the glue of our organization, Connie Streich. Send her a thank you note if you can.

The sponsorship of the World Lacrosse Foundation and Lacrosse the Nations is key. Learn a little about these great organizations by going to our website, vaillacrosse.com. The Casey Powell World Lacrosse Foundation has invited all teams to sign up for a fundraising challenge where they compete for Powell lacrosse sticks. Check that out.

We have to acknowledge a certain missing element in our organization. Our fellow director Flip Naumburg isn't on the fields with us, except in memory. You can remember him with a bark on a ground ball. His coaching mantra was you pick those up “LIKE A DOG.”

We would be remiss if we didn't thank our wives, Maureen, Kathy and Cindy. They tolerate, and in their own ways support, our annual trek up I-70. Enjoy your “Eight Days (ok – 9) at Eight Thousand Feet.”

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Welcome to the 47th Annual Vail Lacrosse Shootout! We are honored to host the tournament in Vail yet again and take great pride in our town service infrastructure and event funding commitment to support the event. The past four decades have shown that the Shootout and the Town of Vail form a wonderful partnership with great competition in an ideal location.

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In addition, because of the support we've had from the Shootout's coaches, players and organizers, we'll again suspend our underage, late-night access restrictions. Within this family-friendly environment, a variety of other activities will be taking place for your enjoyment. A schedule is available by visiting www.vailamericadays.com.

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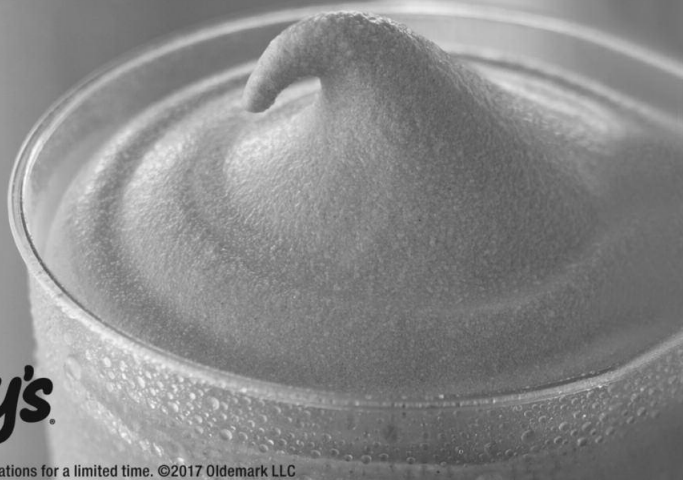
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2019 MEN'S ELITE PREVIEW

By Garrett Fitzgerald

THE LEAD STORYLINE FOR THE 2019 VAIL LACROSSE Shootout Men's Elite Division is one with an absent subject. Paul Landaiche and his team, Rokk3r / Lacrossewear, winners of five consecutive titles and seven total, is not part of the 2019 field of teams. What does that mean for this year's Shootout? It's as open of a tournament as it's ever been and with the addition of pool play for the first day of lacrosse action, every team has a shot at winning this year's title.

The 2019 #1 seed, Rocky Mountain Oysters, have been participating in the Vail Lacrosse Shootout for longer than some of the players on its roster have likely been alive.

Their only loss last year coming in the championship game, the Oysters are somewhat of a mystery entering the tournament as the leader of Pool A. If they bring a talented roster, they will be among the favorites to take home the 2019 Championship.

ScoreBreak/Lax.com brings several years of shootout experience and a roster with a savvy mix of veterans and newcomers. Tom Keller's squad finds themselves at the top of Pool B, will be a tough matchup for any foe, should play with a very high skill level and is

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a team to watch. Tournament mainstay, Jordan Hendry, leads a defense that will likely see several all-tournament team selections.

The Big Green Herd have gone to the Shootout final-four for six straight years and will lead Pool C. One of the most consistently talented shootout teams, the Herd have as good of a chance as they've ever had to win a Vail Championship. Look for the Herd to win their pool and take their seventh uninterrupted trip to the semi-finals.

A Vail Lacrosse blue-collar story if there ever was one, Mohawk Tile, is the top seed in Pool D. A team comprised of the perfect Shootout mix of role players and playmakers; their chances are good. Will this be the year that Mohawk Tile leap into Vail's upper echelon? The pre-tournament odds certainly say so.

Who knew the Vail Lacrosse Shootout had an official "Tournament Fish?" – The Jammin' Salmon are primed to make a long and deep swim through this year's field. Even without



an obvious route through the rapids toward Vail's final-four, don't be shocked when the Salmon have ended up at the top of the stream. Keep an eye out for this Shootout

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Staff favorite team, the uniforms impress almost every year.

From the rest of the field, Middlebury alumni come together to play as Team Gutman, an homage to Peter Kohn. Another heavily stacked alumni lineup, the Black Seals, will have a decidedly University of Colorado look. Finkel & Garf and Steve French return to the Shootout with hopes of making it into the Championship bracket.

New teams to the tournament are The Deli, Rogue and Chiefs Elite. Two teams with Colorado roots, Deli and Rogue, could certainly win a game in their pool and find themselves in the Championship Bracket. Chiefs Elite has a strong Detroit Mercy connection, and on paper, has the potential to do some damage to other team's goals against average.

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

Rocky Mountain Oysters

No Information provided at press time.

ScoreBreak/Lax.com

The Boys are back in town and they are BUZZIN! Team ScoreBreak /Lax.com is returning for their 13th season and are bringing the heat. Leading the charge is the almighty Coach Tom 'TK' Keller who holds the secret to the fountain of youth, a potent

concoction including weights and crossword puzzles.

The offense is fully stocked with multiple returners that are able to tie up any defender in a 10-mile radius. Introducing the tremendous trio who will be asking questions every game, from Greg Melaugh's "Who's sister is that?" to Ryan Danhey's "Who had back up?" to Charlie Bertrand's "Wait, you can't zoom a zoom?"

Turning to players who actually know what's going on, Christian 'Big Z' Zawadzki is coming off his 4th annual Michigan taco eating championship and is still hungry for more. And 'Dr.' Jack-

son Finigan finally graduated before the University could kick him out of the dorms, hide your ramen.

Leading the charge on defense is Jordan 'the Poacher' Hendry who has been living in a wifi enabled dojo atop Mount Everest, studying the art of the poke check, coma slides and mastering the concept of wrist breakers. Connor 'Medusa' Filipowski returns with a gaze that stops opposing attackman in their tracks and makes them reconsider playing lacrosse.

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**2019 Vail Lacrosse Shootout
Men's Elite Odds:**

| Seed | Team | Odds |
|------|---------------------------|------|
| 1 | Rocky Mountain Oysters | 5/1 |
| 2 | ScoreBreak/LAX.com | 5/1 |
| 3 | Big Green Herd | 5/1 |
| 4 | Mohawk Tile Lacrosse Club | 8/1 |
| 5 | Jammin' Salmon | 8/1 |
| 6 | Black Seals | 15/1 |
| 7 | Steve French | 25/1 |
| 8 | Team Gutman | 30/1 |
| 9 | Finkel & Garf | 30/1 |
| 10. | The Deli | 50/1 |
| 11 | Rocky Mountain Rogue | 50/1 |
| 12 | Chiefs Elite | 50/1 |

(note: odds were made prior to finalized rosters)



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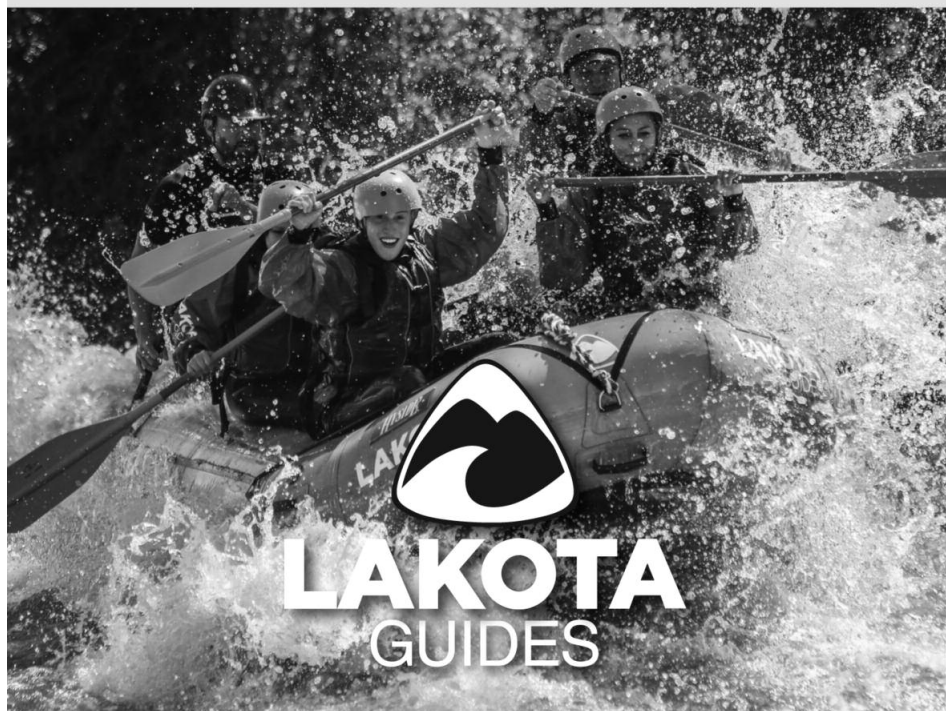
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At the face-off X, we implement a different approach with a group of 2-point shooting threats who still haven't given up their dream of becoming O middies, fans please be vigilant when Brett Boos and Zack Handy are shooting.

The team would like to give special thanks to ScoreBreak and Lax.com for their support. ScoreBreak's software offers instant game film break down and is the only app this team trusts for game film review. Find out more at www.scorebreak.io And Head over to lax.com for all your lacrosse gear and team needs!

Big Green Herd

AKA: Big Green Herd (of Bulldogs)
Coaches/Organizers: Todd Heritage (A, Bucknell, 2014)

Key Players: Trevor Ballantyne (M, Dartmouth, 2021), Matt Paul (A/M, Dartmouth, 2021), Alex Otero (M, Yale, 2014),

Adam Fishman (A/M, Dartmouth, 2015)

BGH returns for the 8th year in a row. The Big Green Herd (of Bulldogs) brings back both the youth and experience to make another run at the championship. The Herd looks to stampede back into the finals behind a group of savvy vets who might as well be in wheelchairs, but have the young legs to help offset the issue.

As always, the team is anchored by a superb goalie in one of Bucknell's finest, Kyle Feeney. The defense that sits in front of him is a group of has-beens who continue to strive to be the athletes they once were, but have the IQs to make up for it! The Bucknell attack core has played together for more than a decade, while the midfield is charged with talent in the Dartmouth connection.

We strive for the hard-nosed attitude that we have brought and continued over the years, looking to get over the hump and take home the crown. BGH is powered by Kind Design (<https://www.kinddesign.co/>) 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

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Bison Burger

CO Bison Beef, Sage Aioli, Choice of Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion & Pickles

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Beets, Black Beans, Carrots, Roasted Mushrooms, Avocado, Wisconsin Cheddar, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion & Pickles

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Nuts & Berries Salad

Mixed Greens, Strawberries, Blueberries, Cucumber, Tomato, Goat Cheese, Candied Walnuts, Citrus Vinaigrette

Roasted Beet Salad

Sliced Roasted Beets, Mixed Greens, Bleu Cheese Crumbles, Sliced Almonds, Pickled Red Onions, Yellow Bell Peppers, Pomegranate Vinaigrette Drizzle

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Mixed Greens, Grilled Chicken, Bleu Cheese Crumbles, Avocado, Tomato, Bacon, Egg, Cucumber and Carrots

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there is and do not expect to end our tradition as a team anytime soon.

Mohawk Tile Lacrosse Club

Mohawk Tile Lacrosse Club consists of some veteran river boys that are looking to expand our lineage of the late Chico Bail Bonders, along with some new-comers who have heard tales of the hallowed Vail Village. They are comprised of current and newly retired Drexel, Penn State, Delaware, and Denver players, with some other lads sprinkled in the mix. After having our best year yet with a 6th place finish, we are reloading and coming back stronger than ever with hopes to capture that Elite Division Championship we've so desperately been striving for. We take this time to acknowledge Player/Owner Joey Klings in supporting our efforts in chasing gold in the river, the village and the field. We are looking forward to rafting down the Vail Pass with victory in our sights and the smell of trout on our breath.



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Jammin' Salmon

The Salmon are fresh & swimmin' back up stream in 2019! The Fish "hooked" some new catches, from all over the map and will have a "reel" shot with an All-Star "cast". New to the "School," and looking to make an immediate impact will be, Joe Romano (UMass) & James 'Lumberjack' Muarsi (UMass), who are ready to eat, sleep, lax and repeat. Also returning, the dynamic duo of Taylor Brooks (Le Moyne) and Pat "Mac" Brennan (Army) who some compare to Douglas MacArthur on the lacrosse field. The Jammin' Salmon are sponsored By First Trust Portfolio; THANK YOU!! Notable Supporters: The Lacrosse School (Chicago, IL) & Mercury Screen Printing (Jeff Serge).

Black Seals

Special Thanks: Gosling's Rum for making the Black Seals possible
Players to watch: Brian Wilson (Arapahoe '15)

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Black Seals, then by all means, enjoy...

After a lackluster 2018 campaign, the Seals' Veterans realized age was catching up with them when creating their 2019 unit. Jon Berg had spent the winter shredding gnar all over the country, catching the deepest winter in Jackson Hole history along the way. Dave Shuster started med school to become an Orthopedic Surgeon, Ben Tackett started designing roads and bridges for the city of Pittsburgh, and after 6 years, John Hill finally graduated college. Their courageous and very handsome leader, JD Hall, bought a 1978 Puch Maxi Moped, so obviously things are going well for him.

The Elders decided the core of the team needed to stay intact. They kept the guys who they knew would continue to hold up the team's motto of "Friendship and Trust". Guys like globetrotter Drew Lazar, comedian Cody Jones, former of minds: Chris Herrmann, Irishman Liam O'Connor, and



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certified beautician Brian Wilson. They kept current RIT studs Austin Saupe, 2019 DIII GOY Walker Hare, and even gave Jimmy Spillane another crack. Jimmy took the year off after hip surgery to chase his dream of looking like The Thing from Fantastic 4.

The Forerunners looked to familiar horizons for the newest team members. Jon and JD knew there had to be smarter, better

looking, younger, more athletic, and way cooler versions of Ben, John, and Dave. They were right. But their mom's told them they had to bring their little brothers. Either way, it's a win-win for the Seals -- mom's happy and we get young legs. Sam Tackett will be making his first appearance at Vail along with CAA All-Rookie Team selection Matt Hill. Hill's teammate, Alex Shuster, and

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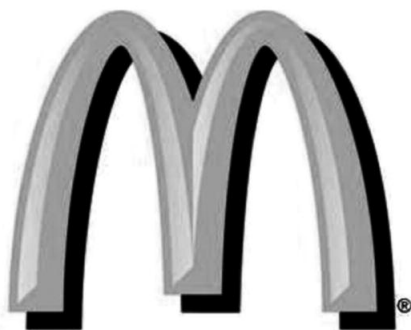
younger brother of Dave, is making his valiant return this year. Joining these youngbloods are rising RIT Lax weapons Andrew Powlin, Chris Becker, Erik Jakobsze, and Jake Hall

The Blacks Seals are extremely excited to be back at the Vail Shoooutout and would like to thank Gosling's Rum for making this whole experience possible again.

Team Gutman

With its most impressive lineup in decades, Team Gutman returns to Vail dead set on leaving a lasting mark, on and off the field. Despite a heartbreaking 1 goal loss at the hands of NYAC in 2018's first round, Team Gutman displayed resilience that would have made the feather in Pete Kohn's hat quiver, eventually taking home the consolation hardware. Ex-MLL All Star, Colorado local, and family man, David Hild (Middlebury '11), returns to the field to lead the Gutman attack. He will have his hands full

wrangling the strong personalities of Vail rookies, Jack "in the box" Rautiola (Middlebury '16) and Hank "Stank" Riehl (Middlebury '18). Tim Giarrusso (Middlebury '16) will play a pivotal role in the midfield for Team Gutman – he's arriving early to adjust to the altitude, and help Shakedown re-lay



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the hardwood after shredding it to bits in 2018. After a taking a year off, Darric White (Middlebury '14) looks to lead the Gutman defense, with the help of his beloved protégé, George Quincy Nichols III (Middlebury '17), and the legendary goalie trio of Nate Gaudio, Steinbash Miller, and Jack Reilly (Middlebury '12, '14, '16). This year is of particular significance, as it is the 10th anniversary of team namesake, Myron Gutman "Peter" Kohn's, passing. He continues to put a smile on everyone's face, even in spirit. Let's make Pete proud on and off the field, and "bring home the bacon!"

Steve French

This year, Steve French is back to Vail with a few key returners, and many new faces. Steve French looks to finish in the middle of the pack, and has been training long hours in preparation for the post game. Player



Coach Matt Kramer aims to hold down the defense, while 2018 leading scorer Tyler Buggasser looks to pass the title onto someone more qualified. Be on the lookout for a 1975 Chrysler New Yorker, the official team car of Steve French.

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Finkel & Garf

Team Finkel & Garf is excited to hop back into the mix for their 3rd 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 Blake Sandman 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.

The Deli

This year "The Deli" enters the tournament as a newcomer. The crafty chefs on attack including former Denver Elite stars like Jake Taylor, Anders Erikson, and Nick Williams will make goalies look like Swiss cheese. Saucy midfielders Tim Saffold and Jared Hodell are ready scoop out some butter and put it in the keepers kitchen. "The Deli's" defense will slice up opposing offenses like roast beef, and our goalies are like the top food critics in the country, not letting anything past them. Twelve different NCAA Division 1, 2, and 3 schools are represented by "The Deli", bringing together successful athletes from across the country with a competitive attitude. This team is looking to surprise veteran teams, and build a lasting dynasty of success in the Vail Lacrosse Tournament.



Rogue

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

Chiefs Elite

Chiefs Elite is looking to make a strong showing at it's first year in Vail. Led by standouts from the midwest - Griffin Fries at X is smooth as butter while Reece Potter is an absolute mismatch for any defender from above cage. Basically, we're here to put some G's up. On the defensive side Sam McClain is an absolute unit who will look to clear and push transition. Speaking of the middle of the field, look for Charlie Hayes and Brent Lubin to step up on the wings and in early offense. Special shout out to our sponsor Stinson Mellor Lacrosse Co. — keeping our players and coaches looking fresh to death. See you on the grid. ■

Men's Elite Schedule

Conference A

Rocky Mountain Oysters
Team Gutman
Chiefs Elite

Conference B

ScoreBreak / Lax.com
Steve French
Rogue

Conference C

Big Green Herd
Black Seals
The Deli

Conference D

Mohawk Tile Lacrosse Club
Jammin' Salmon
Finkle & Garf

Thursday July 4 — Pool Play

Conference A — Ford 1 East

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|------------------------|-----|--------------|----------|
| Chiefs Elite | vs. | Team Gutman | 12:00 pm |
| Rocky Mountain Oysters | vs. | Team Gutman | 1:00 pm |
| Rocky Mountain Oysters | vs. | Chiefs Elite | 2:00 pm |

Conference B — Ford 2 West

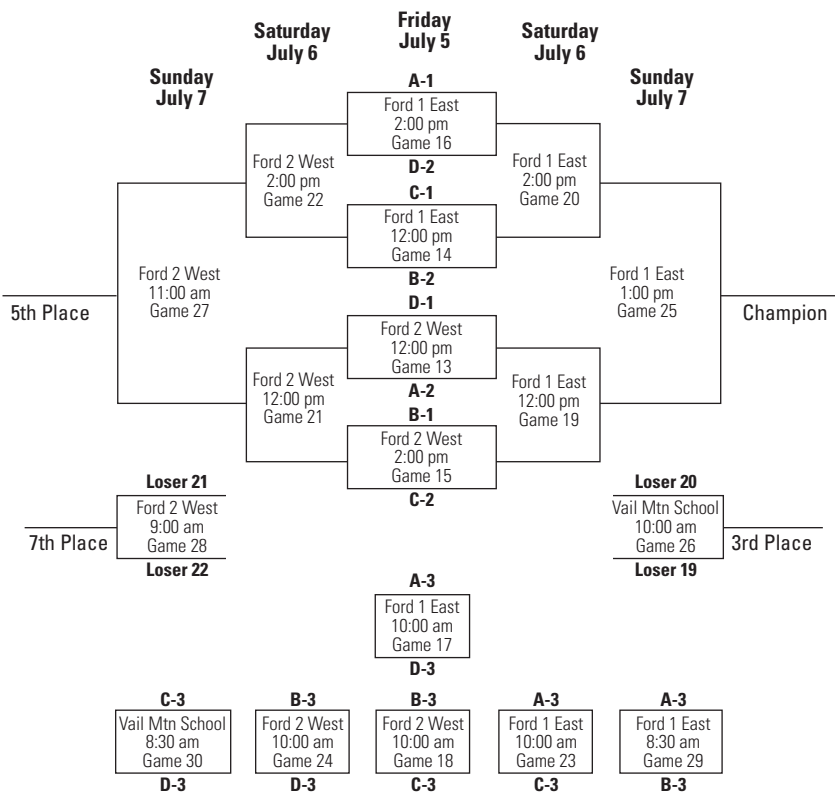
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| Rogue | vs. | Steve French | 12:00 pm |
| ScoreBreak / Lax.com | vs. | Steve French | 1:00 pm |
| ScoreBreak / Lax.com | vs. | Rogue | 2:00 pm |

Conference C — Ford 1 East

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|----------------|-----|-------------|----------|
| The Deli | vs. | Black Seals | 9:00 am |
| Big Green Herd | vs. | Black Seals | 10:00 am |
| Big Green Herd | vs. | The Deli | 11:00 am |

Conference D — Ford 2 West

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|----------------------|-----|----------------|----------|
| Finkle & Garf | vs. | Jammin' Salmon | 9:00 am |
| Mohawk Lacrosse Club | vs. | Jammin' Salmon | 10:00 am |
| Mohawk Lacrosse Club | vs. | Finkle & Garf | 11:00 am |





2019 WOMEN'S ELITE PREVIEW

By Jeff Secor

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YEARS OF WRITING ABOUT THE Shootout. It can be difficult to be creative ... then there are the stories! Consider the beginning, in that first year, when teams from the West met the Lakeshore, Seattle, and, of course, Colorado. East in the Mountains. Along with the regular stories, I am sure there are many untold stories that cannot be publicly shared! Or maybe the time when Scotland came out to join us.

What about when Team USA came out to provide exhibitions and clinics? Or maybe the two Australians who were traveling through and joined the teams. Ask Team Wild about their 22-year sojourn to the Shootout. The teams from Chesapeake,

All these stories have in common a tradition of lacrosse in the Vail Valley and a love of the game. The tournament has been fortunate to see the growth of the game from the hotbeds of the East to hotbeds in the West. The Shootout tradition continues to evolve, and this year is no different. Six teams have made the trek to the Valley to enjoy a few days in the mountains, a few

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Women's Elite Preview—continued from page 27

days of friends, and a few days of getting lost in lacrosse!

Come join us at the Athletic Field in Vail to see lacrosse and enjoy the hot summer days and take in the view of the Gore Range. To enjoy your time around the fields, and time on activities, the altitude is serious so stay hydrated and lather on the sunscreen! Have a safe and wonderful stay.



Jammin' Salmonettes

The Jammin' Salmonettes are back for another round of swimming. We're returning with some Vail veterans and some new but mighty minnows joining the school. On the field we'll continue our tight color coordination with the Jammin' Salmon. Off the field, we're looking to flow with the current. Shout out to The Lacrosse School for helping us live the sponsored life and to Mercury Printing for sprucing up our fins out there.

LAXaDAZEicalz

LAXaDAZEicalz, the defending Champions, is a team with spunk and fight. We are an eclectic group of young women who come from various colleges. Most of us coach HS, MS, or Club lacrosse. We love to play 3x on the weekends and take long, strenuous hikes for fun: (You will find us making drinking games that somehow involve a lacrosse ball or a stick.) We come prepared to always give our best and sometimes less. Go LAXaDAZEicalz!

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Rage

Colorado Rage is a mix of players currently living in either Colorado or Ohio who have played lacrosse at universities across the country. We aren't quite sure how we'll do on the field, but definitely plan on winning off the field! You can find us RAGING in the Village, slice of Vendetta's in one hand, ice cold Coors in the other. LET'S GO RAGE!

The Tools

We are the Tools and together we have built a strong and sturdy foundation on which we will succeed in the Shootout. Our team is made up of a diverse group of women from not only across the country but across the world, from LA to New York to Australia. Our intention is to use this tournament as a means to develop our lacrosse skills and to unite incredibly talented and driven women in one of the

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Whether it is with old teammates or competitors, our team looks forward to combining our skills and experiences toward a shared goal. Some of our teammates have participated in the tournament for multiple years, while others will be first timers. For our inaugural tournament, The Tools hope to begin a legacy of quality lacrosse and good sportswomanship for many years to come.

U-Rad

U-RAD got its name because we have girls from both Utah and ColoRADo! The team consists of players from Utah Valley University Club Lacrosse players, U. of Wyoming Club Lacrosse, Southern New Hampshire, School of Mines Club, former Colorado HS and college players. Although this will be U-RADs first Vail Shootout appearance we have some great talent on our team. We have not played together and are a very young team, but we should not be underestimated!

Team Wild

The Lady P's of Team Wild are loose but amped and excited to return to the Vail Shootout for the 22nd year in a row! Vendetta's is sure to fuel these Panthers up with plenty of carbs and boat races to last them a weekend full of fierce competition, numerous renditions of "Dinah" and late nights on the Shakedown dancefloor. Team Wild is happy to welcome back Vail veterans as well as some fresh legs hot off a National Championship win. The natty champs bring talent in the form of Coach Karen Lit Ritter, EmVP McDonough, Boozy Saker, Yenni McNicholas, and Kate Furbie, fully Loaded between the pipes. Proudly wearing a Middlebury icon, Peter Kohn, on our jerseys, Team Wild strives to emulate Pete's heart, passion for lacrosse, beaming smile, and humility as we celebrate his life and the impact he's had on the Middlebury lacrosse family. 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. Have one! ■

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Women's Elite Division Schedule

Teams (in seeded order)

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|------------------|------------------------|
| 1. LAXaDAZEicalz | 4. Jammin' Salmonettes |
| 2. Team Wild | 5. U-Rad |
| 3. Rage | 6. The Tools |

Thursday, July 4 — Vail Athletic Field

| Time | Visitor | Home |
|----------|---------------|---------------------|
| 12:30 pm | LAXaDAZEicalz | Jammin' Salmonettes |
| 1:40 pm | Team Wild | U-Rad |
| 2:50 pm | Rage | The Tools |

Friday, July 5 — Vail Athletic Field

| Time | Visitor | Home |
|----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 9:00 am | U-Rad | The Tools |
| 10:10 am | Team Wild | LAXaDAZEicalz |
| 11:20 am | U-Rad | Rage |
| 12:30 pm | Jammin' Salmonettes | Team Wild |
| 1:40 pm | The Tools | LAXaDAZEicalz |
| 2:50 pm | Rage | Jammin' Salmonettes |

Saturday, July 6 — Vail Athletic Field

| Time | Visitor | Home |
|----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 9:00 am | Team Wild | Rage |
| 10:10 am | U-Rad | LAXaDAZEicalz |
| 11:20 am | Team Wild | The Tools |
| 12:30 pm | Jammin' Salmonettes | U-Rad |
| 1:40 pm | Rage | LAXaDAZEicalz |
| 2:50 pm | The Tools | Jammin' Salmonettes |

Sunday, July 7 — Vail Athletic Field / Ford

| Time | Visitor | Home |
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| 5th Place Game — Vail Athletic Field | | |
| 8:00 am | 5th Place | vs 6th Place |

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| 3rd Place Game — Vail Athletic Field | | |
| 9:00 am | 4th Place | vs 3rd Place |

Championship Game — Ford Field

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| 10:30 am | 2nd Place | vs 1st Place |
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2018 Women's Elite Division Team Results

1. LAXaDAZEicalz
2. Texarados
3. Jammin' Salmonettes
4. Team Wild
5. Coastal Colorado

2018 Women's Elite Division All-Tournament Team

Attack

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| Bobbie Sagan | Jammin' Salmonettes |
| Amy Dickson | Team Wild |
| Alli Sciarretta | Team Wild |

Midfield

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| Lauren Hurd | Coastal Colorado |
| Persy Sample | Jammin' Salmonettes |
| Shelby Parks | Texarados |
| Bailey Zerr | Texarados |
| Hannah Krats | LAXaDAZEicalz |
| Eliza Radochonski | LAXaDAZEicalz |

Defense

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| Allison Phelan | Jammin' Salmonettes |
| Alyssa Hardesty | Texarados |

Goalie and MVP

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| Hannah Hook | LAXaDAZEicalz |
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U19 Boys Division

By Pat Gartland

As we prepare this part of the program for the **TWENTY-FOURTH** edition of the U-19 Boy's Showcase as a part of the **FORTY-SEVENTH annual Vail Shootout**, we share in the Shootout's pride that this Division of the tournament has come to share the sterling reputation of the original and has developed into a **mythical National Championship with star-studded teams from every region of the country competing for bragging rights to what we modestly feel has become the most coveted annual 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 **seventeenth year of honoring Dr. Tom Watts**, who, along with our departed friend **Flip**, was a great supporter of Colorado high school 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 twelve teams vying for the title. We know that Dr. Tom would be impressed by the quality of these teams and the outstanding talent and balance of all of this year's entries. Although we have only twelve teams this year, the teams represent the entire country, literally from coast to coast and border to border. Each of the twelve has a significant number of NCAA commits, and all seem to have a legitimate shot to compete in the championship game.

Seven of the top eight finishers from 2018 tournament are back to compete this year. Returning as Champion this year is

FCA. The boys in orange and white rebounded from a third place finish in 2017 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 Traveling Trophy.**

Their opponent in last year's final and 2017 champion,

Laxachusetts, is back with what is expected to be their usual fast and athletic lineup and loaded with Boston swagger and Irish grit. Also returning is past champion and last year's Division I third place finisher, **Adrenaline Tropics**, which has been just a few key plays away from a championship for the last several years. The **Tropics** captured third place with a narrow win over the always tough, **Team Colorado**, which expects to be in the thick of the championship hunt again this year after missing the finals for the last two years. Last year's sixth place finisher,





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True Lacrosse, expects to rise in the standings as they represent lacrosse in the Midwest.

3d Lacrosse, which finished seventh last year with a resounding, 12-2 win over a tough **Minnesota Chill** team, expects to compete in the upper bracket this year. **The Minnesota Chill** (eighth last year) and the **Wasatch Lacrosse Club**, from neighboring Utah (10th in 2018), both return with eyes on improving last year's finishes. The **Chill** have shown improved talent and skill each year since returning to the tourney in 2015, and the **Wasatch** boys not only get better each year, but consistently lead the tournament in cool uniforms. Expect all of them to push last years' upper echelon for a spot in the Division I bracket during the final three days of the tournament play. All of these teams bring a number of NCAA hopefuls and appear to have an excellent opportunity to improve on last year's finish.

Four new teams join this year's High School Boys' Showcase competition. All are mysteries at this point, but one has a familiar name—**Greene Turtle Lacrosse**, a team based in Towson, MD, and made up of Baltimore area high school players who have played with and against each other for many years. They expect to carry on the tradition of the great **Greene Turtle** Elite teams of yesteryear. With a number of players going on to Division I and III schools, they could mount a serious challenge. **Nation United Lacrosse**, made up of players from around the country who excel in both lacrosse and citizenship promises to be a strong competitor. **Nation United** boasts a significant number of players going on to top lax programs next season. They bear watching. The remaining two teams hail from Colorado. Mike O'Shaughnessy leads **Team 19**, composed primarily of players from Colorado high schools. They will strive to uphold the Colorado traditions of excellence and scrappy play throughout the shootout.

Nate Watkins brings his **Nike Trailblazers** for the first time. They feature some of the younger **Colorado Fire** players with a mix of additional talent from Utah, California, and Texas. Look for them to improve as the tourney progresses with an eye toward the future.

Opening day will feature three-team round robin play in four conferences (seeded on the basis of last year's finish). The top two finishers in each round robin will be seeded into an eight-team bracket for Division I play and the third place teams will play a round robin format for the final three days to determine the Division II winner. The final games in Division I will be held at **Ford Field** with the Gore Range as a backdrop. Join us there as teams from across the country vie for team glory and to see many of the college stars of the next four years compete for the Dr. Tom Watts Trophy---and what has become the mythical annual championship of high school lacrosse in the U.S. We can't promise another set of double overtime thrillers in the final two games as we witnessed two years ago, but the level of competition again promises to be heated — perhaps the best ever. ■



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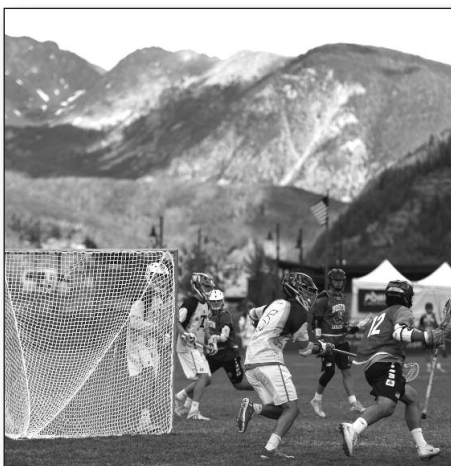
Day 1 Round Robin

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 1:00 p.m. The games will consist of 20 minute running halves with a five-minute halftime. The clock will stop for the last minute of the game if the score is within 3 goals. One timeout per half is permitted. Overtime periods are four minutes with a one-minute intermission. Penalties are 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 two Divisions (Divisions I and II) for continued play on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday per the brackets. The top two teams from each Conference will advance to Division I for bracket play for the final 3 days. The third place teams will enter Division II for Round-Robin play for the final three days. Tie breakers for division seeding will be: (1) Head to head, (2) Fewest goals against, (3) coin toss—in that order.

All games in the remainder of the tournament 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

FCA
3D Lacrosse
Nike Trailblazers

Conference C

ADRLN Tropics
Wasatch LC
Team 19

Conference B

Laxachusetts
Minnesota Chill
Nation United

Conference D

Team Colorado
True Lacrosse
Greene Turtle

Day 1 Round Robin Schedule

CONFERENCE A

Sunday, June 30, Ford Field 1 East

1:00 pm Nike Trailblazers 3D Lacrosse
1:50 pm Nike Trailblazers FCA
2:40 pm 3D Lacrosse FCA

CONFERENCE B

Sunday, June 30, Ford Field 2 West

1:00 pm Nation United Laxachusetts
1:50 pm Nation United Minnesota Chill
2:40 pm Minnesota Chill Laxachusetts

CONFERENCE C

Sunday June 30, Vail Athletic Field

1:00 pm Team 19 ADRLN Tropics
1:50 pm Team 19 Wasatch LC
2:40 pm Wasatch LC ADRLN Tropics

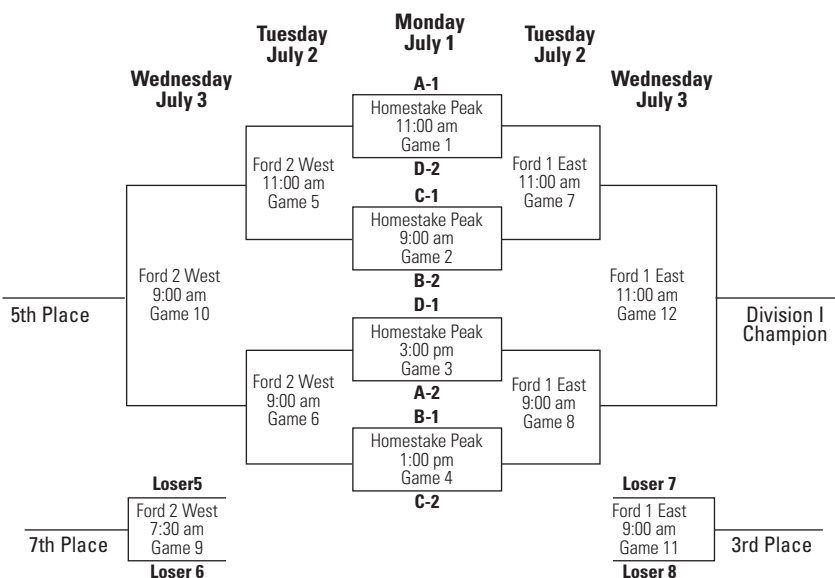
CONFERENCE D

Sunday June 30, Vail Mountain School

1:00 pm Greene Turtle Team Colorado
1:50 pm Greene Turtle True Lacrosse
2:40 pm True Lacrosse Team Colorado

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U19 Boys Division I Bracket



U19 Boys Division II Round Robin Schedule

Last named team is home team

Monday, July 1, Vail Mountain School

1:00 pm Conf. C 3rd Conf. B 3rd
3:00 pm Conf. D 3rd Conf. A 3rd

Tuesday, July 2, Vail Mountain School

10:00 am Conf. C 3rd Conf. A 3rd
1:00 pm Conf. D 3rd Conf. B 3rd

Wednesday, July 3, Vail Mountain School

9:00 am Conf. B 3rd Conf. A 3rd
7:30 am Conf. D 3rd Conf. C 3rd

Division winner will be determined by number of wins. In case of tie in wins, tie breakers will be:

- 1) head to head
- 2) Fewest goals against
- 3) Coin toss

IN THAT ORDER

U19 Girls Division

By Jeff Secor

Another year, another Vail Shootout. After 21 years of high school teams coming to Vail, it may seem routine. However, it is anything but! With Lacrosse growing nationwide and spreading out to all corners of the USA, the Vail Shootout is no longer the only tournament in July. But it is one of the oldest around and has evolved over the years. The one thing that has remained intact is, "Ensuring the teams have a great time in Vail and all games are played in a competitive, friendly environment."

To keep the tournament running well it is important to have energetic and enthusiastic teams from all the lacrosse areas throughout the country. This year is no different. Teams are here from Maryland, Pennsylvania, DC, Tennessee, Georgia, Washington, Minnesota, Texas, New Jersey, and of course, Colorado! We welcome all the teams who have made the trek to the Vail Valley to enjoy a few days of lacrosse and probably, a few activities like white water rafting, biking, hiking, and taking in the scenery.

Included in the list of teams are returning champions Team HLA and past champions Hero's (now with two teams!). Big 4 HHH is a new team from Philadelphia and the Outlaws from Georgia, T3 All-Stars from New Jersey, and Noco Select from Colorado are also new. Returning teams are Houston Heat, Puget Sound Select, Team Tennessee. The Colorado clubs are Team 180 Black and Yellow, and Summit Select. Minnesota Lacrosse Academy is returning after a short hiatus. DC teams Stars

Blue and Black round out the 16-team field.

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 or Silver brackets. Within the brackets, winning teams move to the championship side 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 be-



ginners to the next wave of DI players the Vail Shootout is a playground for lacrosse.

Lacrosse over July 4th is always a fun event. To keep everyone happy and enjoying the sun, please make liberal use of sunscreen and keep hydrated!

Big 4 HHH (2019)

As their coach (Colleen Magarity), this team has special meaning to me. It is the first team I started and am excited to bring them to Colorado. HHH Is from

Philadelphia and is a club team that has played together since their freshmen year. We thought it would be fun to have everyone do one last tournament together before heading off to college. 20 of the girls are committed to play college lacrosse. This is our first time at the Shootout, and we are very excited to play in the tournament and hopefully we can play up to our talent level and get some wins!



**2018 U-19 Girls
All-Tournament Team**

Attack

| | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Hannah Mardinay | Team HLA |
| Sarah Mackey | Liberty Lacrosse |
| Anna Callahan | les Diabes Bleus |

Midfield

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|--------------------|------------------|
| Kiki Shaw | Team 410 |
| Kelli McKinnon | GRIT Dallas |
| Maddie Janner | les Diabes Bleus |
| Olivia Rubin | les Diabes Bleus |
| Johanna Kingsfield | Lakeshore |
| Kayla Rieu | Hero's |

Defense

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| Riley Dolan | Team HLA |
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Goalie

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| Grace Mattox | MN Lakers Navy |
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MVP

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| Elizabeth Hillman | Team HLA |
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Coaches Award

Karen Heggernes & Haley Corradi
MN Lakers White

Georgia Outlaws

The Georgia Outlaws are from the north metro Atlanta area. The players are from a mix of several local high schools with a core group that has been together since they were 11 years old. This is their last summer playing together and their first year attending the Shootout. We're excited to come to a great location and play teams that we normally don't get to see in Georgia.

Hero's Green (2020)

One of the top teams in the nation, with 16 of the 20 players currently committed to play Division 1. Our players have bonded together as a family after many years of competing together! Each player has worked extremely hard to get where they are and look forward to celebrating our club careers in Vail! Hero's for Life!

Hero's White (2020)

A high level "B" team that has been extremely competitive with most "A" level teams in one of the nation's hotbeds for lacrosse. Many girls on the team are already committed or pursuing college lacrosse commitments. The girls play for the joy of the game and for one another!

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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 2018.

Houston Heat

Houston Heat has been coming to the Vail Lacrosse Shootout every year that a girls' bracket has been held. Players on the team come mainly from around the greater Houston area, along with some Colorado players. We look forward to playing hard and having fun for a great experience as always.

Minnesota Lacrosse Academy – (MLA)

Minnesota Lacrosse Academy is made up of girls from schools throughout the Twin Cities Area. This is the fourth time the team has attended the Shootout and we are ex-

cited to be back after a couple of years away! We are looking forward to playing some great lacrosse with the beautiful mountains in the background!

Noco Select Lacrosse (22/23)

Noco Select Lacrosse is a lacrosse club based in Northern Colorado with teams made up of girls from Boulder, Loveland, Fort Collins, and the surrounding areas. Our players play for local high school teams and have combined to create a competitive team in our area. This will be our first time at the Vail Shootout!

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lacrosse club for girls. This will be our 14th appearance in the Vail Shootout. The Shootout is always a favorite tournament for us because the girls enjoy playing in Colorado and their families love to watch them play at “home”. There's nothing better than lacrosse in Vail with family and friends.

PSS

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

Stars Blue & Black Teams (2023)

The Stars 2023 Blue and Black teams are the top teams for the club and has girls from Virginia, D.C. and Maryland. Our players com-

pete against top teams on the East Coast in the summer, fall, and spring. We aim to work hard, play together, and have fun while doing it! We strive to be better people and players every day.

Summit Select

The Summit Select Team is made up of 9th through 12th graders. They all bring a spark to the team by integrating their individual personalities and various skills with others. They are competitive, driven, and push each other on a daily basis. Whether it be through team challenges, crazy practice gear, or team cheers on the sidelines, you will always find this group energetic and ready to work. The various ages allow for leadership from the seniors and gives the younger players the ability to grow and learn at the right pace. Summit Select is a team that displays good sportsmanship, while keeping their competitive edge.

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Team TN

Team TN players are predominantly from Memphis and Nashville with a few outside of those main cities. Approximately 4-5 high schools are represented and multiple clubs,

so the girls have not played a lot together. The team is young, but everyone is looking forward to another great trip to Colorado!!

T3 All-Stars (2022)

Our T3 All-Star 2022 team is attending Vail for the first time! We are a group of T3 Elite team players from NJ and PA who were chosen to make this trip to Colorado for a unique competitive lacrosse experience. The girls are coming to play together just for this one event! We expect them to learn how to quickly connect with new team members and utilize each play-

ers strength. We are excited for them to experience new competition than what they see on the east coast and we want them to have time to bond off the field as a team while enjoying all that Vail has to offer! ■



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The play for Sunday and Monday is round-robin pool play. Play continues Tuesday with bracket play. All teams will play one game on Wednesday morning. The semi-final games are on Tuesday afternoon with the winning teams playing for the Shootout title on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Teams (listed in seeded order)

Seed

- 1 Team HLA
- 2 Big 4HHH
- 3 Hero's Green
- 4 Team 180 Black
- 5 PSS
- 6 T3 All-Stars
- 7 Hero's White
- 8 Stars Blue

Seed

- 9 Team 180 Yellow
- 10 Georgia Outlaws
- 11 Team TN
- 12 Stars Black
- 13 Summit Select
- 14 Houston Heat
- 15 Minnesota Lacrosse Academy (MLA)
- 16 Noco Select

POOL A

Team HLA
Big 4HHH
Hero's Green
Team 180 Black

POOL B

PSS
Hero's White
Team 180 Yellow
Stars Black

POOL C

T3 All-Stars
Stars Blue
Georgia Outlaws
Team TN

POOL D

Summit Select
Houston Heat
MLA
Noco Select

All U19 Girls' games are on the Edwards fields

25 minute halves, 5 minute half time

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, EDWARDS 1 (TURF)

| TIME | VISITOR | HOME |
|-------|-----------------|--------------|
| 9:00 | Team 180 Yellow | Hero's White |
| 10:15 | Stars Black | PSS |
| 11:30 | Team 180 Black | Team HLA |
| 12:45 | Hero's White | PSS |
| 2:00 | Hero's Green | Big 4HHH |

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, EDWARDS 2

| TIME | VISITOR | HOME |
|-------|--------------|---------------|
| 9:00 | Noco Select | Summit Select |
| 10:15 | Team TN | T3 All-Stars |
| 11:30 | Houston Heat | Summit Select |
| 12:45 | Noco Select | MLA |

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, EDWARDS 3

| TIME | VISITOR | HOME |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 9:00 | MLA | Houston Heat |
| 10:15 | Georgia Outlaws | Stars Blue |
| 12:45 | Stars Black | Team 180 Yellow |

MONDAY, JULY 1, EDWARDS 1 (TURF)

| TIME | VISITOR | HOME |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 9:00 | Team TN | Stars Blue |
| 10:15 | Georgia Outlaws | T3 All-Stars |
| 11:30 | Noco Select | Houston Heat |
| 12:45 | Team TN | Georgia Outlaws |
| 2:00 | MLA | Summit Select |

MONDAY, JULY 1, EDWARDS 2

| TIME | VISITOR | HOME |
|-------|-----------------|--------------|
| 9:00 | Team 180 Yellow | PSS |
| 10:15 | Stars Black | Hero's White |
| 12:45 | Team 180 Black | Hero's Green |
| 2:00 | Big 4HHH | Team HLA |

MONDAY, JULY 1, EDWARDS 3

| TIME | VISITOR | HOME |
|-------|----------------|--------------|
| 9:00 | Team 180 Black | Big 4HHH |
| 10:15 | Hero's Green | Team HLA |
| 12:45 | Stars Blue | T3 All-Stars |

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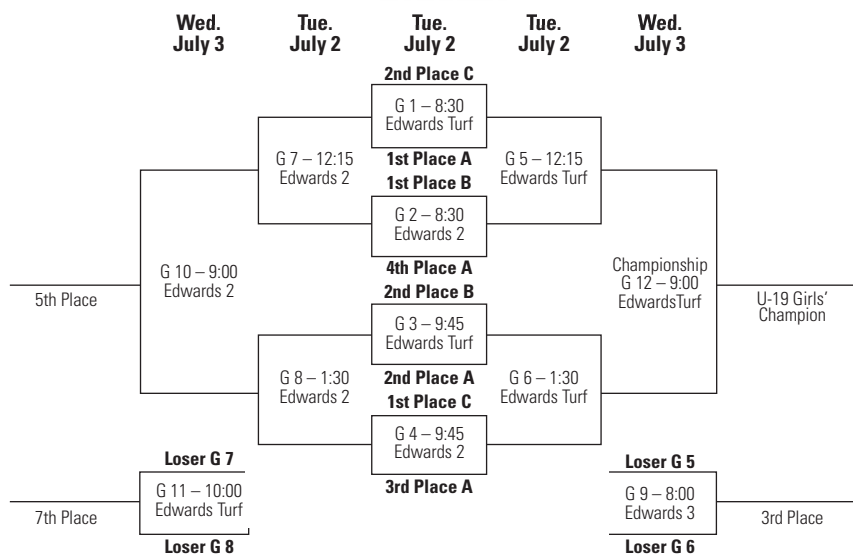
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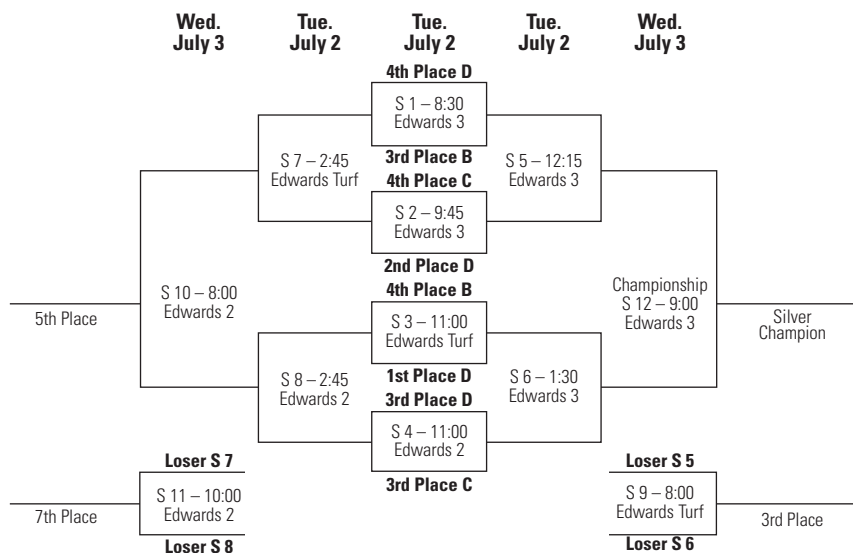
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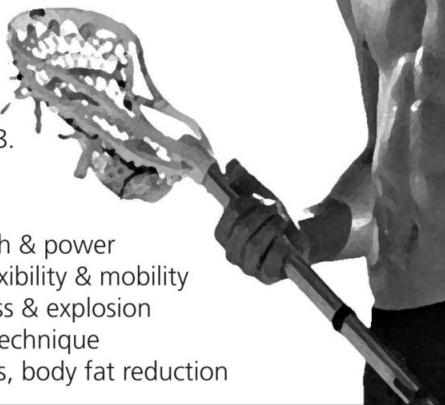
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2019 Masters Preview

By Nicole Soran McClintock

The over-thirty gang is back at it again. Perennial favorites Team Gutman are looking for a fourth consecutive championship. The remaining six teams are going to pull out all the stops to make sure that a new team takes home the first place trophy. Legends and WLF Smoke gave the Middlebury guys a run for their money in 2018 and will no doubt be looking to do the same this year. New to this division this year is Bayne, a team out of Austin, Texas with experience ranging from MCLA to NCAA DI. Will Gutman's dynasty continue? Or is it time for a new era of Masters champion?

10th Mountain Whiskey

Back for their third 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 Alex Fountain (UMBC '04). The midfield features Preston Plume (North Texas '09) and Time Spaulding (Canisius) as it's offensive stars, and Pete DeFinis (Drexel '02) 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 TechForwardIT, LLC.

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Legends Lacrosse is the premier resource for student-athletes, parents, and coaches at all levels. Through a unique set of programs, Legends Lacrosse provides a world-class experience that evolves beyond traditional offerings and serves as the "one-stop" resource for any athlete or coach in the sport. Legends Lacrosse offers combine events unmatched anywhere, providing team building and leadership programs, and individual & team recruiting opportunities for all ages and skill levels. And boasts partnerships with pros Matt Rambo, Dylan Malloy, Ryan Brown and more. In addition, with over a decade of experience in apparel design and manufacturing, 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 (legendslax.com and thelegendsbrand.com).

Fittingly, this team will be playing for a couple of Colorado LEGENDS that are a longtime part of the club's family. The team bears a "GH1" badge on their jersey for Garth Heth. Garth is widely recognized as one of the most dominate face-off players in Colorado and has been the heart and soul of this club for the better part of 20 years. Although Garth will be unable to join the team on the field this year as he focuses on winning his battle with Ewing Sarcoma, his drive and influence on the

team will still be felt. The team will also play in celebration of the life of Alan Roth. Roth brought live music to Herman's Hideaway on South Broadway and is Denver's longest running, and last truly independent, live music venue. It has hosted over 32,000 bands such as Phish, Big Head Todd and the Monsters, The Flowbots, Wide Spread Panic and the Fray to name a few. Herman's has been a longtime supporter and favorite place to celebrate for the club. Check them out at hermanshideaway.com.

The team's core is taken from the Denver based Genesis Lacrosse Club and maintains a strong Colorado State University core as players continue to use this event to also celebrate and honor their time playing under another LEGEND, Flip Naumburg. Denver, Marquette, Goucher, Butler, Vermont, Wheeling Jesuit, and Colorado among others will also be represented on the squad.

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, North Carolina, 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 Brandon Foreman (Penn State). The midfield adds a new face-off Specialist in Chase Clifton (Wingate) to dictate the ball control game from the x. On offense the team returns Kevin Thomas (Guilford) and Mike Fox (Ohio State) at Midfield and Bobby Jee (Texas A&M) joined by Kevin Turek (Stony Brook) on attack. Joe Wojciechowski (Drexel) will join the team this summer at midfield. The team is looking to build on their experience and wins from last summer lead to build on their success on and off the field.

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 tonystavernlax.com



Laxgear Silver Oysters

Thanks to our longtime sponsor LAXGEAR, a local Colorado lacrosse bag manufacturer who makes the most durable bags in the business. The Laxgear Silver Oysters will be entering our 13th year in the Masters division. This Shootout will be bittersweet. As usual, we look forward to our yearly tradition of getting together in Vail, but will dearly miss having our beloved teammate, leader and friend Mike Goerne join us on the field (he passed away in an avalanche earlier this year). We will be celebrating his life, passion and dedication to the sport of lacrosse. This is for you MG.

Middlebury's Team Gutman

The Middlebury team returns in search of a 4th consecutive Vail Shootout championship in the Masters division. Anchored by a solid core of former Panthers and honorary friends of the program, this team will look to capitalize on some new "recently 30-ish" legs and push the tempo. Fresh off a recent back surgery and feeling better than ever, the defense is led by Salisbury '07 graduate and 2016 All-Tourney teamer Zac Hopkins. Zac is joined by fellow Easton, MD shoreboy

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Storm Hostetter (Western State, 2010) and Denver native Henry “This is what 30 feels like?!?” Clark (Middlebury ’12).

On the offensive side of the ball, the Panthers feature Masters newcomer David Hild (Middlebury ’11) whose pale, meaty calves still drive the fans wild at altitude. Joe Thompson (Virginia ’58) brings experience and experience to the midfield, while Bruce Richardson (Salisbury ’07) is starting to have deja vu in his 4th consecutive tourney wearing the blue and white. At midfield, Jamie Duke returns to the faceoff X, where he looks to maintain his lifetime unbeaten streak, and he’ll be flanked on the wing by his Midd ’05 classmate Dave “No I’m not wearing Spanx” Leach.

The team is chaperoned on the sideline by Middlebury legends Bobo Sideli and Erin Quinn, mostly to keep the Salisbury guys from telling too many championship stories ... We play in honor of the late, great Peter “Gutman” Kohn, as it has been 10 years since he was last spotted patrolling the Vail sidelines in search of a loose ball, ready to share a story and bring us back to earth in the way only he could. We love you and miss you, Peter! All the live long day!

WLF Smoke

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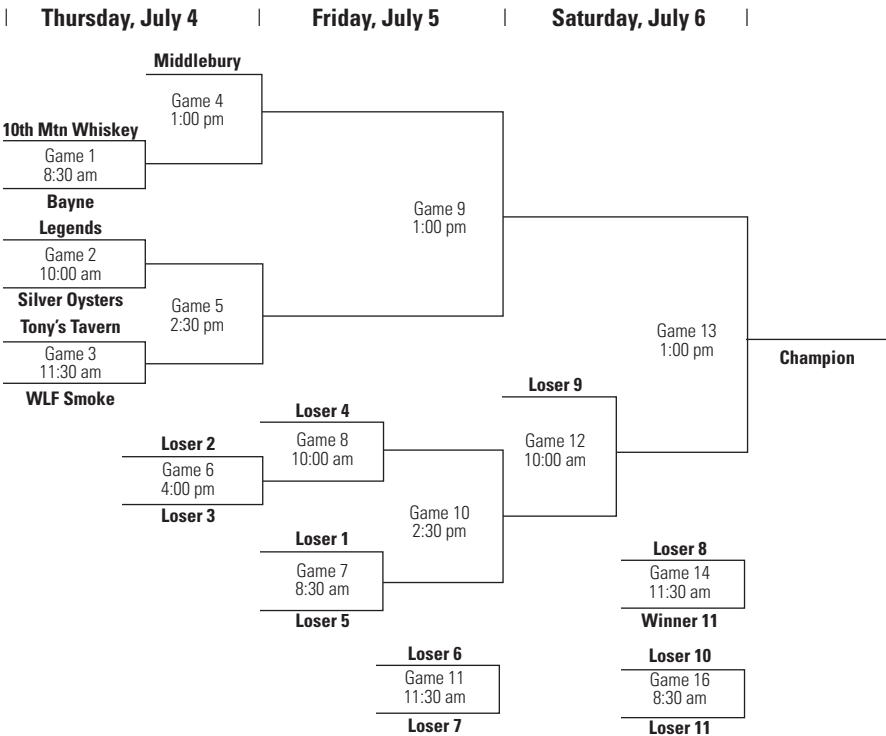
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Masters Schedule

All Masters games at Vail Mountain School

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2019 Supermasters Preview

Last year the WLF/Magic Wands team played like they had the superhero “S” on their chests averaging over 13 goals per game. Can either of the new entries, the Columbus Ballhawks or the Silver Oysters bring some kryptonite to the bracket? The Elder Statesmen look poised to take the wind out of the WLF/Magic Wands’ capes and avenge two runner-up finishes.

Check the write ups and you’ll see that many of these teams play for or in memory of some significant contributor to their lives. This is a big part of why this is a Super division. The names of Bobby Campbell, Michael Bruce, Peter Kohn, Flip Naumburg and Mike Goerne are mentioned. There is also “Team Lilian” (Elder Statesmen) playing for a heroine.

Lacrosse lovers really enjoy this bracket. Each team not only honors the game, but brings skill to the field even if its players are “Finally Forty.”

Princeton BCLF

Princeton BCLF 2019 is proud to bring a team to the legendary Vail Shootout for its 18th year. BCLF stands for the Bobby Campbell Lacrosse Foundation, in honor of the Princeton High School and Penn State captain who returned to coach his beloved PHS before passing away prematurely in a tragic car accident. His spirit remains with us and Bobby would be proud of the stars of today that play their guts out on every shift as he would have done. Led by Dan Dickenson and Dean Curtis on Attack, Bogie Laverty and Chris Spangler at Midfield, and Mike Wayland and Bill Rexford at D, this competitive squad is Captained by Goalie Dan



Brandt who followed Bobby as a player at PHS and Penn State. We also honor the memory of Coach Bill Cirullo and Doug Foster. Good luck Tigers!

Team 8

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

Finally 40

Finally 40 is back for our 2nd run in the Supermasters division adding some new firepower from places close by like Denver to far way lands like Minnesota. Some savvy vets

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from the Vail tournament will be joining us as well as some new potent attack players. Should give the teams with fancy ex pro guys and Al Bundy D1 players a run for their money. F40 looks forward to playing in the finals.

Middlebury Team Gutman

The Middlebury teams are playing in memory of Peter Kohn on the 10th anniversary of his death. More than 130 Middlebury alumni players and friends will suit up across the men's and women's Elite, Masters, Supermasters, Grandmasters and Zenmasters divisions. Several of the teams will be wearing Team Gutman uniforms with Peter's image on the front. We use Peter's middle name, Gutman, because he learned and remembered every player's middle name – an honor that all of us cherished.

Like A Dog

Like A Dog first played Vail in 2015 as a group of Pepperdine University Lacrosse Club alumni that came together “just for one year” to play for Vail Co-Founder, the inimitable Flip Naumburg. We had so much fun we decided to come back, again and again, and again and then again all the while building a lacrosse team full of friends from all over the country. We continue to evolve our roster because we're always trying to expand the brotherhood without ever breaking the all-important team rules. This year we've added *Jim Gonnella* Duke '97 to a team that knows how to have a blast both on and off the field including *David Singer* Princeton '91, *Chris Lloyd* Loyola '96, *Paul Mellinger* and *Bryan Ridgeway* both Pepperdine '92. We're looking forward to continuing our 5 year trajectory on and off the field.

Tailgators/Generals

The Tailgators/Generals return for their 9th SuperMasters season in Vail. The team returns its core group of veteran players from Colorado. They have added some new players from back east. The Tailgators/Generals are looking forward to a great time in Vail, both on and off the field.

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 Shaefer Beer 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 championship and avenging 2 straight second place trophies. This year the team is playing as “Team Lilian”



honoring a true warrior as she celebrates 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 Cortland (many members attended the prestigious Cortland State Campus nursery school together). The team is a collaboration of the eclectic superstars and personalities.

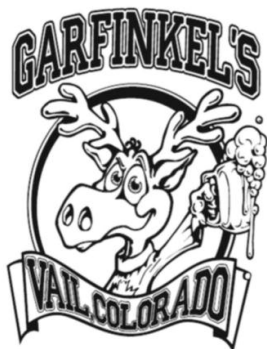
It will be led on and off the field by Academy Award winning (12 years A Slave) producer and goaltender extraordinaire, Anthony Katagas. Fear the Beard. Who most recently starred as the starting goaltender for Greece in the World Championships of 2018.

The team will be shepherded by NLL and MLL star and coach and current Head Coach of Team Scotland, Brian Silcott (Naz): MLL and NLL all-star, Brian Langtry (Hofstra): USA Team player, NLL and MLL star and New York Jet, Doug Shanahan (Hofstra):

US Ranger and NLL madman, Josh Rachman (FSU). Additional members hailing from various lax upstate New York outposts including San Diego St. (Tom Hannum, Jim Kappler), Cornell (Todd Francis), Gettysburg (Brooke Ferrell) Cortland High School (Mike Martin and Peter Schaffer), Cortland St (Rich Becker), Michigan State (Doug Jolly), and also some local Colorado favorites from CSU (Garth Heath who agrees with the phrase #Fcancer) and DU (Travis Taylor and Brian Berger). This year's team is no different and with a singular focus of camaraderie, enjoyment, merriment, and rekindling decade old friendships, dating back some to kindergarten with the team's Motto from Coach Urlick 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, Schaefer Beer, Tenth Mountain Division Whiskey and Authentic Athletix.

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Columbus Ballhawks

Like many pioneers before them, the Columbus Ballhawks will be making their first appearance to the summit. Based in Columbus, Ohio, the 'hawks have been a mainstay in the Central Ohio Lacrosse community throughout the years. Whether it's being a proud supporter of Shootout For Soldiers or raising money for local charities, the 'hawks are always willing to help. The team will be anchored by veteran summit participant Jason Feinstein. A cast of new players will be making their first appearance to Vail and there's no question they'll return home in better shape. The Ballhawks would like to extend a huge thank you to The Lax Shop (<https://www.the-laxshop.com/>) based in Chicago & Columbus for their generous support and great looking jerseys. We would also like to thank Tyack Law (<https://www.tyacklaw.com>) for their continued support in growing the game throughout Ohio and a special thanks to Outdoor Makeovers (<https://www.outdoor-makeovers.com>) for leading the way. We look forward to sharing a few laughs and leaving with some great stories.

Silver Oysters

Thanks to our sponsor Laxgear, the Oysters will keep the tradition alive starring our first SuperMasters team and now have teams in 3 divisions with the young guns in Elite and the Silver Oysters in Masters. Many of the Oyster faithful are now making the jump up and look to make a splash in this heavily competitive division. We look forward to another year of fun with family & friends in the beautiful Vail valley. Unfortunately, one of our own will not be making his usual



appearance this year. Mike Goerne passed away earlier this year in an avalanche. We will be dedicating this season to Mike and celebrating his life, passion and dedication to the sport of Lacrosse. This is for you MG.

Navy Old Goats

The USNA Alumni Team (The "Old Goats") returns to Vail for their 29th consecutive visit this year. Our group continues to grow and evolve. The group now includes over 300 former USNA alumni, former serving USN/USMC and several alumni from that storied institution on the Hudson River (also known as the United States Military Academy at West Point). For 2019, Navy will continue our mission to be a program that encompasses all of the good things in the sport of Lacrosse ... sportsmanship, team work and the occasional beverage.

This year in Vail we will feature a number of national award winners from days gone by including two time All American Syd Abernethy (on attack for our 60+ group). We will also feature a number of guys who never played above the club level. Regardless of background or accolades, we will do our best to respect the name on our jerseys and give all of our opponents a great run on the field. ■

Supermasters Schedule

Conference A

Magic Wands / WLF
Tailgators / Generals
Team 8

Conference B

Elder Statesmen
Navy Old Goats
Columbus Ballhawgs

Conference C

Like a Dog
Middlebury
Black Lab Sports

Conference D

Finally 40
Princeton BCLF
Silver Oysters

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

Saturday, June 29 — Pool Play — 20 minute running halves

| Pool | Game | Visitor | Home | Field | Time |
|------|------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| A | 1 | Team 8 | Tailgators/Generals | Ford 1 East | 12:30 pm |
| A | 2 | Team 8 | Magic Wands/WLF | Ford 1 East | 1:15 pm |
| A | 3 | Tailgators/Generals | Magic Wands/WLF | Ford 1 East | 2:00 pm |
| B | 4 | Columbus Ballhawgs | Navy Old Goats | Ford 2 West | 12:30 pm |
| B | 5 | Columbus Ballhawgs | Elder Statesmen | Ford 2 West | 1:15 pm |
| B | 6 | Navy Old Goats | Elder Statesmen | Ford 2 West | 2:00 pm |
| C | 7 | Black Lab Sports | Middlebury | Vail Mtn School | 12:30 pm |
| C | 8 | Black Lab Sports | Like a Dog | Vail Mtn School | 1:15 pm |
| C | 9 | Middlebury | Like a Dog | Vail Mtn School | 2:00 pm |
| D | 10 | Silver Oysters | Princeton BCLF | Athletic | 3:00 pm |
| D | 11 | Silver Oysters | Finally 40 | Athletic | 3:45 pm |
| D | 12 | Princeton BCLF | Finally 40 | Athletic | 4:30 pm |

Sunday, June 30 — 12 minute stop quarters

| Game | Visitor | Home | Field | Time |
|------|---------|------|-----------------|----------|
| 13 | A-1 | D-1 | Ford 1 East | 11:30 am |
| 14 | B-1 | C-1 | Ford 2 West | 11:30 am |
| 15 | A-2 | D-2 | Vail Mtn School | 11:30 am |
| 16 | B-2 | C-2 | Athletic | 11:30 am |
| 17 | A-3 | D-3 | Donovan | 12:30 pm |
| 18 | B-3 | C-3 | Donovan | 2:00 pm |

Monday, July 1 — 12 minute stop quarters

| Game | Visitor | Home | Field | Time | |
|------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| 19 | Winner 13 | Winner 14 | Ford 1 East | 11:30 am | Championship 3rd Place |
| 20 | Loser 13 | Loser 14 | Ford 2 West | 11:30 am | |
| 21 | Winner 15 | Winner 16 | Vail Mtn School | 11:30 am | |
| 22 | Loser 15 | Loser 16 | Athletic | 11:30 am | |
| 23 | Winner 17 | Winner 18 | Donovan | 12:30 pm | |
| 24 | Loser 17 | Loser 18 | Donovan | 2:00 pm | |

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2019 Grandmasters Preview

Do you want to do something “Grand” when you grow up? This division is your chance when you hit 50. On the field though, 50 is the new 30. Watch these teams and you’ll see what we mean.

Los Viejos de Tejas returns to defend a dominant championship. The Elder (no longer Eldest due to its Zen entry) Statesmen have reloaded. Tombstone remains a solid contender after its championship game loss last year. Middlebury and Navy Grand Goats will be deep.

Air Force, Ephmen and Princeton BCLF look to climb in the standings. They each bring solid credentials from past Vail tournaments.

Have a GRAND old time!

EMW

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

Princeton BCLF Grandmasters

Princeton BCLF 2019 is proud to bring a team to the epic Vail Shootout for its 18th year. BCLF stands for the Bobby Campbell Lacrosse Foundation, in honor of Princeton High School and Penn State’s captain who returned to coach his beloved PHS before passing away prematurely. His spirit remains with us and Bobby would be proud of the Tigers of today who play, as he would have done; with everything they got. Defenseman Ted Vial and Attack/Middie Chris

Gabrielsen are the last two to have played with Bobby at Princeton and cherish this team (and the Supermasters squad) like the family it is. Lt. Coronel (Ret.) Mike Manzer and Andy Klumpp lead from the Midfield along with John Willis (PHS ’74!) and Dave Winecoff while Goalie Jeff Olsson has been a stalwart for years. Chip Castro, the current Head Coach at PHS, is joining the Grands this year making it extra special in many ways. Good luck Old Tigers!

Middlebury Team Gutman – Grandmasters

The Middlebury teams are playing in memory of Peter Kohn on the 10th anniversary of his death. More than 130 Middlebury alumni players and friends will suit up across the men’s and women’s Elite, Masters, Supermasters, Grandmasters and Zenmasters divisions. Several of the teams will be wearing Team Gutman uniforms with Peter’s image on the front. We use Peter’s middle name, Gutman, because he learned and remembered every player’s middle name – an honor that all of us cherished.

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Elder Statesmen Grandmasters

Coming off last year's campaign with an extremely depleted roster, the Elder Statesmen will be back to full strength in 2019. The roster is made up of players representing 16 different colleges/universities with Hobart leading the way with 5 players. Our roster is extremely athletic from top to bottom and looking to push the pace with our "run & gun" style of play in Vail! Our team hashtag is #TEAMLILLIAN.

Tombstone

Once again, Tombstone, led by its long in the tooth Captains, Drew "Fear the Turtle" Tyrie, and Tom "Book 'em Danno" Raynes enters the arena that is the Vail Shootout Grandmasters Donnybrook. Arriving with shallow pockets, vapid intellect, questionable moral character, and rapidly deteriorating physical attributes, our players scientifically assert, via their "23 and Me" results, their long lost genetic connections and histories as once revered "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, Stevens Tech, UMBC, Union, Washington College, Betty Ford, Passages and various work-release programs. The robust and somewhat rotund Tombstone squad of (select one: miscreants, blokes, lazy asses, good for nothings, egotistical dictators, reformed offenders) returns to Vail for the (select one: 40th, next, last, seriously—we get the 8 AM game again, or the most often voiced, "please honey can't we vacation somewhere else around the 4th?") time looking forward to a number of (select one: beers, glacial paced games, walk-about, river soaks) with our many (select one: friends, fellow hacks, drinking buddies, co-conspirators, local vagabonds) from across the continent at an elevation sufficient to



choke a yak. Cautiously balancing the evolutionary desire to breathe against the withering will to win, Tombstone's finest struggle each day to throw, catch, bend, run and stay upright while wives and loved ones turn away in embarrassment and seek refuge in an abundance of early morning cocktails. With its roots in Colorado, Tombstone is fortunate to claim players, spouses and great friends from every time zone and region (and retirement village) of the country. Cradle to the Grave!!!!

Navy Grand Goats

The USNA Alumni Team (The "Old Goats") returns to Vail for their 29th consecutive visit this year. Our group continues to grow and evolve. The group now includes over 300 former USNA alumni, former serving USN/USMC and several alumni from that storied institution on the Hudson River (also known as the United States Military Academy at West Point). For 2019, Navy will continue our mission to be a program that encompasses all of the good things in the sport of Lacrosse ... sportsmanship, team work and the occasional beverage.

This year in Vail we will feature a number of national award winners from days gone by including two time All American Syd Abernethy (on attack for our 60+ group). We will also feature a number of guys who never played above the club level. Regardless of background or accolades, we will do our best to respect the name on our jerseys and give all of our opponents a great run on the field.

Air Force GrayBirds

This year will be the GrayBirds' 22nd consecutive year of competition in the "Honored Citizen" levels of the Shootout and this year, we hope to put up a good fight.

For the past several years, we have 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, behind a strong defense led by Brad Powell, Floyd Dunstan, and goalie, John "JW" Wilson, we still will compete to the max on the field.And, for the first time in years, we have added an experienced faceoff guy—Mark Hopkins. 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... ■

Grandmasters Schedule

Conference A

Los Viejos de Tejas
Navy Grand Goats
Airforce GrayBirds

Conference B

Tombstone
Middlebury's Team Gutman
Ephmen

Conference C

Elder Statesmen
EMW
Princeton BCLF

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

Saturday, June 29 — Pool Play — 20 minute running halves

| Pool Game # | Visitor | Home | Field | Time |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| A 1 | Airforce GrayBirds | Navy Grand Goats | Ford 1 East | 10:15am |
| A 2 | Airforce GrayBirds | Los Viejos de Tejas | Ford 1 East | 11:00 am |
| A 3 | Navy Grand Goats | Los Viejos de Tejas | Ford 1 East | 11:45 pm |
| B 4 | Ephmen | Middlebury's Team Gutman | Ford 2 West | 10:15 am |
| B 5 | Ephmen | Tombstone | Ford 2 West | 11:00 am |
| B 6 | Middlebury's Team Gutman | Tombstone | Ford 2 West | 11:45 am |
| C 7 | Princeton BCLF | EMW | Vail Mtn School | 10:15 am |
| C 8 | Princeton BCLF | Elder Statesmen | Vail Mtn School | 11:00 am |
| C 9 | EMW | Elder Statesmen | Vail Mtn School | 11:45 am |

Sunday, June 30 — 12 minute stop quarters

| Game # | Visitor | Home | Field | Time |
|--------|----------|------|-----------------|----------|
| 10 | A-1 | C-2 | Ford 1 East | 9:30 am |
| 11 | B-1 | C-1 | Ford 2 West | 9:30 am |
| 12 | A-2 | B-2 | Vail Mtn School | 9:30 am |
| 13 | A-3 | B-3 | Donovan | 9:30 am |
| 14 | Loser 13 | C-3 | Donovan | 11:00 am |

Monday, July 1 — 10 minute stop quarters

| Game # | Visitor | Home | Field | Time | |
|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| 15 | Winner 10 | Winner 11 | Ford 1 East | 9:30 am | Championship 3rd Place |
| 16 | Loser 10 | Loser 11 | Ford 2 West | 9:30 am | |
| 17 | A-3 | B-2 | Vail Mtn School | 9:30 am | |
| 18 | A-2 | B-3 | Donovan | 9:30 am | |
| 19 | A-2 | C-3 | Donovan | 11:00 am | |

2019 Zenmasters Preview

If you want to write about the history of lacrosse in the 1970's a good place to start would be sitting around the camp fire with this group. Legends of the game are sprinkled throughout the rosters of these Zen teams. Oh, the stories they could tell. Now they are ready to write another chapter in Vail.

Last year's chapter will be told by the Peaked Masters for years to come. They used a stingy defense led by goalie Kim Thiel to best the field.

The bracket this year welcomes two additional teams. The Middlebury Reunion Zenmasters returns after a 2018 hiatus and the Eldest Statesmen squad matriculates from the Grand Masters. Los Abuelos de Tejas looks to rewrite a pair of second place finishes. Mr. Boh and the Navy Old and Gnarly Goats bring some classic and classy characters to the field.

Middlebury Reunion

"They aren't as good as they once were, but they are as good once as they ever were..."

After fielding Zenmaster squads in 2016, 2017 and taking 2018 off to regroup and re-

consider, the Middlebury Alumni (Pfeiffer Reunion) Zenmaster Team returns to Vail in 2019 with Coach Rob Pfeiffer ('72-'75) at the helm. Forty five former Middlebury lacrosse players, representing the classes of 1966 and 1972 through 1981, take the field. An additional 11 alumni players and former coaches all lend support: Dennis Daly ('76-'78), Jim Grube ('79-'91), Erin Quinn '86 ('92-'06, current AD), Dave Campbell '00 (Current Head Coach). The Coach Pfeiffer Reunion Team, along with alumni, family and friends bring over ninety people to the 2019 Vail Shootout to celebrate the Panther lacrosse tradition, long time friendships, and all that these old timers represent.

Eldest Statesmen

The Eldest Statesmen return to Vail to vie for yet another title in the Rockies. Starting as a sassy upstart that made the 40+ finals in 2005 with 16 players, the core of this team has been making the annual trek to Vail for many years. And winning several championships along the way. But time waits for no one and now the Eldest Statesmen, after stops in the 40+ and 50+ brackets, are moving up and shooting for their first 60+ championship in Vail. Anchoring the squad is the wily attackman John Hayes whose "now you see it, now you don't" style has frustrated opponents for half a century. Loudmouth Lime...er... Jersey...will be at the X winning faceoffs as much with his mouth as with his stick. There will be some fresh faces too with the addition of all world players Brooks Sweet and Jimmy Burke and a few other surprises. Mostly, we're all just happy to play and remember the teammates we've lost along the way: "Wavy" "Pryz", "Eddie", "Bennie", "Fein-Daddy".

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 Zen Masters Champi-



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onship 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 will miss Nick Carroll’s leather helmet, embodying our sense of tradition, but all our prostheses emphasize how up to date we are.

With some players going back to the earliest days of the Colorado Rockies at Vail, and many who are coaches and other varieties of know-it-all, we could not function without the guidance of 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 following 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 2019 Vail Shootout.

Navy Old & Gnarly Goats

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Los Abuelos de Tejas

47 years ago the Tournament was founded, 2 years later (1976) Texas sent the first out of state team to participate.

Several Abuelos were on that inaugural Texas team. Flash forward to 1994 when the SuperMasters Division was formed, one of the original 4 teams was the Magic Wands, comprised of many of those same Abuelos players, 10 years later the Grandmasters Division was formed, one of those original teams was Los Viejos, same story yet again and finally on this the 5th anniversary of the



ZenMasters Division, Los Abuelos are still here. Bottom line, we're old BUT we're still here and still keep coming back.

Speaking of which, we'd like to acknowledge Abuelo Brent Hopkins who we believe has the record for most consecutive Tournament appearances by a non Colorado player at 36 or maybe 37 years (he can't remember whether his first year was 1982 or 1983). Pretty impressive feat we'd say, congratulations!!!!!!

After a 2 year hiatus from the Championship Los Abuelos hope to rebound from those 2nd place finishes and climb back into Championship consideration. Team strength should be at the Tournament Welcoming Reception. We will not be cheated out of any fun.

Sponsored this year (again) by the Vail ChopHouse and the legendary Phil Long. Best patio atmosphere in Lion-shead. (AND the beer's pretty darn cold too ...) ■

Zenmasters Schedule

Conference A

Peak-ed Masters
Navy Old & Gnarly Goats
Middlebury Reunion

Conference B

Los Abuelos de Tejas
Mr. Boh
Eldest Statesmen

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Saturday, June 29 — Pool Play — 20 minute running halves

| Pool Game # | Visitor | Home | Field | Time |
|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------|
| A 1 | Middlebury | Navy Old & Gnarly Goats | Ford 1 East | 8:00 am |
| A 2 | Middlebury | Peak-ed Masters | Ford 1 East | 8:45 am |
| A 3 | Navy Old & Gnarly Goats | Peak-ed Masters | Ford 1 East | 9:30 am |
| B 4 | Eldest Statesmen | Mr. Boh | Ford 2 West | 8:00 am |
| B 5 | Eldest Statesmen | Los Abuelos de Tejas | Ford 2 West | 8:45 am |
| B 6 | Mr. Boh | Los Abuelos de Tejas | Ford 2 West | 9:30 am |

Sunday, June 30 — 10 minute stop quarters

| Game # | Visitor | Home | Field | Time |
|--------|---------|------|-----------------|---------|
| 7 | A-1 | B-2 | Ford 1 East | 8:00 am |
| 8 | B-1 | A-2 | Ford 2 West | 8:00 am |
| 9 | A-3 | B-3 | Vail Mtn School | 8:00 am |

Monday, July 1 — 10 minute stop quarters

| Game # | Visitor | Home | Field | Time | Championship |
|--------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------|
| 10 | Winner 7 | Winner 8 | Ford 1 East | 8:00 am | |
| 11 | Loser 7 | Game 9 team not played | Ford 2 West | 8:00 am | |
| 12 | Remaining 2 teams | | Vail Mtn School | 8:00 am | |

As Time Goes By

perspectives from the
athletic training tent...

By: Lisa Lear

As we celebrate another year at the Vail Lacrosse Shootout, I am excited to re-live some of the fun memories the Shootout sports medicine staff has had in print. My personal Vail Lacrosse Shootout experience began in 1995, the year of the torrential downpour. It was my first experience working lacrosse and certainly made an impression as I have come to work this tournament every year since. I came to work the Shootout that year with a 3 man crew lead by Bruce Kola from Colorado College. Bruce was the athletic trainer known and loved by Jim & Dave Soran, Flip Naumburg, Brian O'Farrell, Michelle and Jeff Secor. I

learned quickly about my newly found role within the AAA club. Altitude, Alcohol and Age. It was my job to keep those that play upright during the day so that the fun could flow in the evening.

Over the years I have come to appreciate





every level of play including the sports medicine team as it takes a fair amount of endurance to make it through the tournament. Our staff comes armed every year with an array of antacids, tape and sympathy for our aging superstars. We have lived through the Middlebury crew that seems to want everything taped under the sun and over the “full moon”. We have witnessed many a “full moon” in the training tent with requests to tape it “high and tight”. We have invented tape jobs and bar shots named after our favorite teams (Old A** Middlebury for example). Finally, we have come to appreciate the long days followed by the long nights. Your sports medicine staff tries to be prepared for the occasional Supermaster yelling for his Nitro pill, the Grandmaster going down yelling “sniper” and our Zenmasters asking ever so politely for oxygen. As athletic trainers working the Shootout, we have come to love our lacrosse family that somehow make it up to Vail year after year to indulge in pain and suffering (ours and theirs) mixed with a whole lot of fun and family.

All kidding aside, being a part of the Vail Lacrosse Shootout has provided me with opportunities never imagined and friendships sustained over many years. I cherish the time we get to spend with

our “third team on the field”, our lax officials, as we look out for each other during the week and keep in touch throughout the year. Working with youth, elite and those beyond elite players has provided me with an opportunity to watch the game I love and have fun doing it. We have moved from a sports medicine staff of 4 to that of 12. I have made friends that I only see once a year; those are some of

the best days I spend all year long. To those that have come up to share in the experience with me, I thank you all for your dedication to fun and learning. There are many of you that return year after year to engage in the laughs, to wash stinky ace wraps and water bottles until the wee hours of the morning and I thank you! I am so grateful that you all appreciate the group that we have become as professionals and friends. I am lucky to have learned what it takes to maintain such a respected gathering for so many years from Jim, Dave, Flip, Brian, Michelle and Jeff. I could not imagine a 4th of July without flyovers, parades and lacrosse to celebrate our freedom. ■



Where Are You?



(NAVIGATING THE VAIL LACROSSE SHOOTOUT)

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

Event Parking/ Parking Structures

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

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

Ford Field

530 Frontage Rd. E. Vail, 81657

This is the main field in Vail. It is located approximately one (1) mile east from the Main Vail Roundabout along Frontage Road East. Take I-70 to Vail exit 176, go through the roundabout on the south side of the exit to the Frontage Road eastbound. Ford Park is approximately ¼ mile east of the stop sign at the east end of the Vail Parking Structure. Parking is very limited at the east end of Ford Park and there is a charge.

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

Donavan Park

1600 S. Frontage Rd. W. Vail, 81657

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

Athletic Field, Vail

646 Vail Valley Dr. Vail, 81657

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

Eagle-Vail Field

700 Eagle Rd. Vail, 81657

Homestake Peak School

750 Eagle Rd. Vail, 81657

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

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

From the West (Avon, Edwards)

Traveling East on Interstate 70, take exit, #168.

At the traffic circle, take the 1st exit onto William J. Post Blvd.; at the next traffic circle continue straight to stay on Post Blvd.; at the next traffic circle continue straight to stay on Post Blvd.; at the next traffic circle take the 2nd exit onto U.S. 6E; turn right onto Eagle Road. Continue on Eagle Road to the school stadium. The Eagle Vail field is across the street from the school..

No parking is allowed on the south side of Eagle Road in Eagle-Vail.

Edwards/Freedom Park

300 Miller Ranch Rd. Edwards 81632

Go west of Vail on I-70. Take the Edwards exit (#163). Turn left at the bottom of the ramp. You'll see Edwards Station and Wendy's on your left. Bear left at the roundabout.

Fields are located approximately ½ mile on your right across the street from Battle Mountain HS. If parking is congested additional parking is available directly past the fields at Berry Creek Middle School. Please do not park at Colorado Mountain College.

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

Vail Mountain School

3000 Booth Falls Rd., E. Vail, 81657

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

The Unexpected Genius of Peter Kohn

By Craig River Westling

Life is Bigger than the Game

In 1992 the Middlebury men's lacrosse team was traveling to Williams College for its last regular season game. Erin Quinn was in his first year as the head coach, and tensions were high because this game against a bitter rival had playoff implications. Erin was reviewing his notes carefully, wondering if his game plan was enough to overcome a tough foe and whether his team was ready for a hard, mid-week game. Aware that he was wound up tightly and that his stress might be showing, he scanned the bus to gauge the mood of the team. He could tell immediately that the players were nervous and on edge.

Then Erin's eyes landed on Myron Gutman "Peter" Kohn, Middlebury's beloved equipment manager, who was reading the paper with his legs crossed...causing a pant

leg to ride up his calf and expose a purple and yellow striped tube sock. Erin recognized the moment and, with a half grin, loudly asked, "Hey Pete, why are you wearing socks with Williams' colors?"

It was as if all the world paused. The players stopped what they were doing and looked at Peter, with nary a sound on the bus.

Peter looked Erin in the eye and with a wry smile, said matter-of-factly, "I support and love Middlebury. But Renzi Lamb [Williams' coach] is one of my very dear friends. I'm supporting my friend who has been very good to me."

The players went nuts, both cheering for Peter and pretending to give him a hard time for supporting the other team. The tense mood was broken, and the rivalry had been put in proper perspective. Peter's message was

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clear: Life is bigger than this game.

"Peter always brought it back to respect for your opponent and the love of the game," Erin told me recently. "Guys paid attention to that. It was, and still is, an important part of playing for Middlebury. Pete never let us forget it."

The Making of a Lacrosse Legend

Peter never played lacrosse. Yet he was the team manager for the North-South All-Star game for over 25 years, and for every men's U.S. world team from 1978 to 1998, and for five straight men's national championship games with Middlebury. Peter's prolific career as a team manager resulted in his induction into the national lacrosse hall of fame in 2003. To fully understand his path, we have to go back to the beginning.

Born in Baltimore, Peter described himself and his brother, Benno, as "developmentally challenged." (Today they would likely be diagnosed with a form of autism.) He frequently expressed his deep love for his mother and would tear up when talking about all she did for him and Benno. Chad McClenan, Middlebury '88, remembers how this devotion helped shape Peter's world view:

Myron knew that life wasn't going to be easy. He would often remark about the lengths his mother went to for him and Benno, so they would have the best fighting chance. It was not lost on him that he was different. Certainly, he knew about some of his needs, but more importantly, he believed he was both fortunate and blessed. He, who seemingly had the most challenges, expressed being grateful for what he had more than anyone I've ever encountered. He could have felt sorry for himself or taken pity from others, but he rose above it and brought his best every single day. Peter showed us how to appreciate and make the most of life, and to be thankful for everything we have.

Peter attended the Park School, where he managed the boy's lacrosse team. Somewhere along the line Jerry Schmidt, the legendary player and coach, invited Peter to be a field manager, which is how Jim Grube (Middle-

bury men's coach from 1979-1991) first met him.

"When I invited Pete to Middlebury in 1981," Jim told me, "he quickly infused the athletic experience with something truly unique. His contributions were broad-based and nuanced, and perfect for a small college like Middlebury. He was beloved by players and coaches across the board."

Peter expressed feeling truly accepted for the first time in his life. "It was just before my 50th birthday when I went to Middlebury," he told the Baltimore Sun. "I suddenly discovered that I wasn't fighting the world anymore. I realized I had found my place. We all hope to be where we're comfortable, people care about us, love us."

Twenty-eight years later, during Peter's memorial service, Missy Foote, the hall of fame women's coach, reflected on what he brought to the Middlebury experience:

Peter, by being no more than a truly good person, made a difference in hundreds of lives. He performed the most menial of tasks with humility and pride. He never said an unkind word towards anyone. He saw everyone's contributions and had the ability to make everyone around him feel important. He recognized the value of every person – opponents, trainers and teammates. His goodwill towards everyone that helped us see the world in a different light.

It's all About the Team

"We are all called to duty at some times in our life. You have to be ready for that."

~Peter Kohn

Peter's influence on players and coaches was everlasting. Dave Campbell, an All-American goalie and the current men's coach at Middlebury, says that Peter always gave 100% of himself to the team in ways that still influence the program today:

He put himself entirely out there whether it was offering water or wet towels on a hot day, or stretching with the team, or singing

after games. Pete was totally comfortable in his own skin. When people are selfless, hard-working and vulnerable it creates trust. Pete epitomized those things, and he allowed us to be that way together.

Perhaps Peter's most important lesson was that the team is always bigger than any player or any moment. "He modeled investing in the team and caring for each other," Kate Perine Livesay, a legendary Middlebury player and the current women's coach, told me. "He kept us grounded and reminded us to enjoy the experience."

In her 2009 remarks, Missy Foote speculated that "maybe he came into our lives to remind us that the essence of the human spirit is loving kindness, generosity and humility."

What time is it?

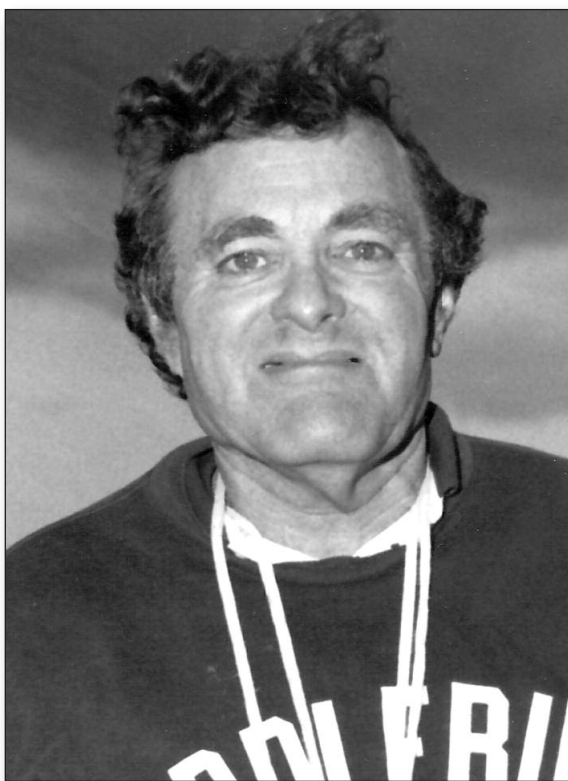
After college I was playing club lax in San Francisco when I met Neill Redfern, an All-American attackman at UNC. "I know Pete Kohn," Neill exclaimed. "At World Team tryouts he woke us up every day by saying, 'Time to get up. Time to make the World Team!'" I've met many people who have similar stories – asking Peter for the time became a rite of passage in the lacrosse world.

Timing, more than telling the time, was one of Peter's greatest gifts. He seemed to have the right thing to say or would do the right thing for the team just when it was most needed. Erin Quinn recalled a story from a 1991 England trip that confirmed his belief that Peter knew exactly the impact he had on those around him:

After playing Oxford we couldn't get to London because it had snowed 3 inches and the buses were grounded. Coach Grube finally found a charter

that would take us, and the players loaded in – freezing cold, sneezing, coughing and generally hating everything. The bus arrived in London at around 1AM, having stopped at a roadside diner for bite to eat (where Pete ordered a piece of chocolate cake to go). We couldn't find our hostel address, and the only activity we saw was a decrepit looking building with all kinds of sketchy characters milling about drinking and smoking on the sidewalk. Of course, that turned out to be our place. The players were swearing and groaning and generally lamenting their miserable situation, until the lights went on and Pete stood up and announced, 'OK, we're here.' We looked at Pete and saw what happened to the piece of frosted chocolate cake eaten in the dark without utensils – it looked like he stepped on a chocolate mine. The team

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erupted in cheers and the mood was completely shifted to a positive, uplifting experience. It was such perfect timing that I still wonder to this day if Pete did that on purpose.

Keeper of the Kohn

It was on that England trip that the first “Keeper of the Kohn” job was assigned to a freshman. The Keeper’s job was to make sure Peter was safe and where he was supposed to be at the right time. He wore a goofy hat so Peter could easily spot him in a crowd. Both the men’s and women’s teams have Keepers to this day, and the job has evolved into carrying on Peter’s legacy with stories before games and a “What time is it?” query before the opening whistle.

Brandon Doyle, ‘98, was a Keeper. In an email he described how the job evolved from a chore for a freshman to an honor after some perspective:

Peter was the perfect antidote for a cocky freshman. He taught me lessons about humility, patience, responsibility, and sportsmanship when I needed them the most. Some of those lessons took longer than others to sink

in. It wasn’t always obvious at the time, but all those interactions were really powerful lessons for teenagers about acceptance, responsibility, and putting someone else first.

Katie Ritter, an All-American player and current assistant coach on the women’s team, remembers before her very first game when the women’s Keeper told a story about Peter:

[Alice Pfeifer] beautifully weaved in the Pete story with how we should be playing our game that day – with gratitude for our team, and with respect for our opponent. She would tell a story before every game, and slowly but surely, I started to understand how he was able to bring so much love, respect, and gratitude to Middlebury Lacrosse. I started to understand that if we even attempted to bring the same amount of care, gratitude and kindness to our teammates that Pete brought to our program, we would have a lot more than just a season of lacrosse. We would have a group of people we loved and could rely on for life.

Love of life

Indeed, perhaps Peter’s greatest influence

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on those he touched was his genuine love of life and deep feelings of gratitude for those with whom he shared it.

During Peter's memorial service, Dave Campbell, '05 (the captain from Boise – not the coach), talked about how Peter led by example. "He gave his heart wholly and fully to those around him. This deep-rooted love for the people in his life was the foundation of his sincerity and selflessness."

Peter's life story and impact on others was captured in the award-winning film, *Keeper of the Kohn*, which both the men's and women's teams watch every spring. Katie Ritter describes the movie as a way to share Peter's wisdom with new players: "We watch 'Keeper' every season to echo his words of love and gratitude, mimic his selfless and giving actions towards our teammates, and remember that no one is above a good ball hunt."

Legacy

Don't make it different on the field than anywhere else. Just play, have a good time, and let your character and dedication stand out brilliantly.

~Peter Kohn

Peter's legacy lives on. The Middlebury women play on Kohn field, and each year the Athletic Department gives the Peter Kohn Service Award to the student athlete who dedicates themselves to community service.

Nationally, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes gives an annual Peter Kohn Award for "service above and beyond the call of duty." It is given to a player, coach or friend of the game who has modeled Peter's example of dedication and selfless service to the lacrosse community. The award is not only modeled after Peter's selfless service, but after Jesus' ultimate sacrifice as described in John 15:13, which states "Greater love has no one than this; that one lay down his life for one's friends." Peter was the first recipient of the award.

Peter's connections to Vail ran deep. Dave Campbell (from Boise) remembers a speech Peter made in Vail that reflects his limitless gratitude: "It's an honor and a privilege for me to be here and share with you," Peter said. "You have given me so much love and care through the many years. I can never repay you all for that – there is just no way you can do that."

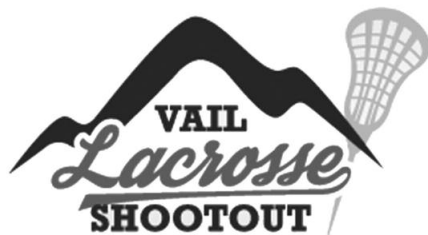
And Mike Heffernan, class of '82, emailed me his favorite Peter moment:

"On our last night in Vail a group of us were walking back to the Lodge and saying that we did not want the trip to end. Pete was quick to point out that for something to be memorable it had to end. Ain't that a simple truth. Our time with Pete on this earth may have ended but we are all glad to keep and cherish the memories of him." ■

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2019 Vail America Days™ Schedule

Sunday, June 23 – Sunday, July 7

| Time | Event/Description | Location |
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| Sunday, June 23 | | |
| 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: Orchestra Concert <i>Haydn Cello Concerto & Mozart</i> | Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater |
| Tuesday, June 25 | | |
| 6:30–8:30 p.m. | Hot Summer Nights Free Concert Series: <i>The Wailers</i> | Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater |
| Wednesday, June 26 | | |
| 6 p.m. | Bravo! Vail: Free Family Concerts <i>Meet the Orchestra Petting Zoo</i> | Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater |
| 6 p.m.–9 p.m. | Vail Summer Bluegrass Concert Series – <i>Trout Steak Revival</i> | Solaris |
| Friday, June 28 | | |
| 6 p.m. | Bravo! Vail: Dallas Symphony Orchestra – <i>Beethoven—Piano and Violin Concertos</i> | Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater |
| Saturday, June 29 | | |
| 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>Beethoven Triple and Symphony 7</i> | Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater |
| Sunday, June 30 | | |
| 8 a.m. | Ticket sale – walk up only for Bravo! Vail <i>Patriotic Concert</i> | Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater 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 |
| 7:30 p.m. | Bravo! Vail: Dallas Symphony Orchestra – <i>Jurassic Park in Concert</i> | Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater |
| Monday, July 1 | | |
| 8 a.m.–5 p.m. | Vail Lacrosse Shootout | Ford Park, Vail Athletic Field, VMS |
| 6:30–8:30 pm | Hot Summer Nights Free Concert Series – <i>Jackie Green Band</i> | Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater |
| 6 p.m. | Bravo! Vail: Chamber Series <i>Strings and McDermott</i> | Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater |
| Tuesday, July 2 | | |
| 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 |
| Wednesday, July 3 | | |
| 8 a.m.–5 p.m. | Vail Lacrosse Shootout | Ford Park, Vail Athletic Field, VMS |
| 1 a.m.–5 p.m. | Vail Public Library Book Sale | Vail Public Library |
| 6 p.m.–9 p.m. | Vail Bluegrass Concert Series <i>Jeremy Garret (Infamous String Dusters) and Friends</i> | Solaris |

Thursday, July 4

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| 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>Tribute to the 10th Mountain Division</i> | Golden Peak to Lionshead |
| 2 p.m. | Bravo! Vail: Dallas Symphony Orchestra <i>Patriotic Concert</i> | Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater |

Friday, July 5

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| 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: Philadelphia Orchestra <i>Hilary Hahn Plays Mendelssohn</i> | Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater |

Saturday, July 6

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| 8 a.m.–5 p.m. | Vail Lacrosse Shootout | Ford Park, Vail Athletic Field, VMS |
| 11 a.m.–2 p.m. | Bag of Books Sale (<i>subject to change</i>) | Vail Public Library |
| 6 p.m. | Bravo! Vail: Philadelphia Orchestra <i>Deneve Conducts: Magic of Music</i> | Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater |

Sunday, July 7

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| 8 a.m.–5 p.m. | Vail Lacrosse Shootout | Ford Park, Vail Athletic Field, VMS |
| 6 p.m. | Bravo! Vail: Philadelphia Orchestra <i>Brahms Piano Concerto 2</i> | Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater |

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- **Access to events in Ford Park include the following options:**
- Daytime parking is **free** in the Vail Village and Lionshead parking garages.
- There is a designated drop off just West of the Ford Lot at the Ford Park bus stop. Drop off will not be allowed in the Ford Lot.

- The Ford Park parking lot has 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: Saturday, June 29 from 2p–12a, Tuesday, July 2 from 10a–10p, Wednesday, July 3 from 12p–12a, Friday, July 5 from 2p–12a and Saturday, July 6 from 2p–12a
- For more information on parking, please see www.vaileventparking.com

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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 shuttle bus or the Special Events bus back to the fields.
- Catch the in-town bus to Ford Park via Vail Valley Drive to accommodate daily access to the Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater, Betty Ford Alpine Gardens and the Vail Nature Center. Operating daily from 9am to 9pm, May 27th 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 ((June 29th – July 7th) until 7:30pm) 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.
- 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, except in special event permitted areas such as Solaris Plaza on July 4.

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) 970 476-9090
- Vail Welcome Centers 970 476-4790
- 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
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