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### **VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT'S 2011 YEAR IN REVIEW SHOWCASES NEW PROGRAMS, FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, QUALITY PROGRAMS AND MORE**

(Vail, Colo)-In 2011, the Vail Recreation District (VRD) Board of Directors and staff continued to provide Eagle County residents and guests with some of the best recreation and activity programming available in the area. Throughout the year, VRD program participants were able to pursue their passions via the Vail Golf Club, Vail Nature Center, Dobson Ice Arena, Vail Gymnastics Center, Imagination Station, Vail Nordic Center, Vail Tennis Center, on the athletic fields it maintains between Vail and Eagle Vail, plus through its adult sports, leagues and events and youth summer sports and day camp programs. The VRD's 2011 Year in Review weaves together the many aspects, events, projects, activities and people that contributed to supporting the VRD's mission to offer diverse and exceptional recreation opportunities that enhance the physical, social and emotional well-being of all its residents and guests. In addition, the VRD's 2011 successes were accomplished by its diverse staff, partner organizations and volunteers who are recognized for their dedication to the VRD's mission.

#### **2011 HIGHLIGHTS**

Programs, events and projects were executed throughout the year and show the continued role the VRD plays in providing vital recreation and activity offerings in Vail and beyond.

##### **Vail Voters Approve Vail Golf Club and Nordic Center Remodel, Reconfiguration of Ford Park Sports Complex**

On Nov. 8, Town of Vail voters overwhelming approved reallocation of the town's \$9.4 million Conference Center Funds for recreational and facility improvements including expansion and remodel of the Vail Golf Club and Nordic Center to include a multi-use community space; expansion and restroom renovation at the Ford



Park Sports Complex; and improvements to the Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater to include outdoor seating and restroom improvements. The projects must go through the town's development review process with potential for the Ford Park projects to break ground in the fall of 2012 and the golf course clubhouse in the spring of 2013.

#### Vail Golf Club

#### Vail HillClimb Trail Running Race Named Best Non-Ultra Race

The 2011 La Sportiva Vail Mountain Trail Running Race Series Vail HillClimb running race was named the best non-ultra running race by readers of the regional magazine *Colorado Runner*. Part of the seven-race series, the HillClimb was selected as the top non-ultra race by voters via a poll from the magazine's website at [www.coloradorunner.com](http://www.coloradorunner.com). This is the second time the Vail HillClimb has been named best non-ultra race with the first time in 2006. The race series was also named best series in 2005 and 2008, as well as the Vail Half Marathon as most scenic in 2010.

#### KEEN Vail Kids Adventure Race Boasts 100 Percent Increase in Participation

The second annual KEEN Vail Kids Adventure Race pitted 100 teams of two, ages six to 12, on an obstacle course in Vail Village and on Vail Mountain in August. The race, which sold out for the second year, grew 100 percent and offered twice as many teams the opportunity to work together to navigate an adventure course that included hiking, biking, ziplining, tubing, archery, rock climbing, balancing on a slack line over a mud pit and sliding down a giant Slope-n-Slide at the base of Vail Mountain. The race, which could be the coolest kid's race on the planet, will return Aug. 10-12 and may include a new course, new division for kids ages 12 to 14, plus training sessions the week of the race.



KEEN Vail Kids Adventure Race

#### New in 2011

- In March, Dobson Ice Arena offered 31 girls in grades kindergarten through third an opportunity to learn the sport of ice hockey. The new girl's hockey program was so successful that the VRD offered a 10 week session in October and November that included practice and games. Vail resident Matt Dyroff and the Colorado Youth Hockey Program also donated 30 sets of girls equipment for the sessions, which were a tremendous asset to the program.
- The VRD kicked off the mountain bike race season with its new Spring MTB Short Track Race Series in April. Four races were offered with 250 participants taking part in up to 20 minutes of intense racing around a short track loop. The short track race series will return in April.
- The La Sportiva Vail Mountain Trail Running Series offered trail runners a new race in 2011, the Boneyard Boogie, which took place on May 14. The race brought 150 runners to Eagle for the 10k run, followed by brunch at the Dusty Boot.
- The VRD initiated a new Mad Scientist program on Fridays this summer that allowed children to take part in experimentation and engineering exercises in a playful atmosphere. Children launched rockets, built flying birds, engineered tight-rope walking vehicles, learned to perform illusions and designed bridges.
- The VRD partnered with cyclocross race champion Jake Wells to offer a three-day



Dobson Ice Arena

cyclocross clinic. The clinic, which was the first of its kind offered by the VRD, was taught by Wells, a national champion in biking and a decorated cyclocross racer, and received rave reviews from participants.

### Vail Golf Club Celebrates Accomplishments

- The Vail Golf Club celebrated the completion of several improvements to the course including renovation of the tee box on hole seven, two new bridges located on holes 11 and 17 and new weather shelters on holes 11 and three. The improvements, which were outlined as part of the Vail Golf Club's master plan, addressed safety concerns and improved the golf and Nordic experience along the course. The tee box and bridge projects were jointly funded by the VRD and the Town of Vail.
- For the 13th year, the Vail Golf Club retained its designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses. To reach certification, the staff demonstrated its commitment to a high degree of environmental quality.
- Readers of *Colorado Avid Golfer* magazine named the Vail Golf Club as the third best public course on the Western Slope and the top spot in the Vail Valley to play golf attributing the award to its walkability, playability and scenery. This is the second time in two years the Vail Golf Club has been recognized in the magazine's Best of Colorado Golf section with the 2011 award being the highest ranking the course has received.
- For the second summer, the Vail Golf Club partnered with the Vail Veteran's Program and offered free golf and lessons to veterans and their families. The golf club also participated in Patriot Golf Day as a fundraiser for the Folds of Honor Foundation. Golfers were offered an opportunity to donate throughout the day to the foundation, which provides post-secondary educational scholarships for children and spouses of military service men and women killed or disabled while serving.
- In the fall, the Vail Golf Club hosted the inaugural Vail Mountain School's Boy's Golf Invitational with 45 participants. Also, for the fourth year, the golf club served as home-course for the Vail Mountain School Boy's Team with Vail Golf Club PGM Intern Dineen Notman assisting with the coaching of the team.



**Jake Wells Cyclocross Camp**



**Construction of Bridge 11**

## STRONG FINANCIAL PLANNING

Sound decision-making, commitment to the community and integrity have been the navigational tools that have allowed the VRD Board and staff to maintain a strong financial footing heading into the property tax revenue decline that will occur in 2012. The VRD has been well aware of the upcoming decline and has implemented strategies to ensure budgets remain balanced in 2012 and beyond without sacrificing critical services to the community.

### 2011 Economic Sustainability

Operationally, the VRD finished the year approximately \$50,000 ahead of budget despite a

\$20,000 shortage in property taxes due to abatements made by the Eagle County Treasurer and a slow start to the golf season. Additionally, the VRD finished the year with a \$2.35 million fund balance, \$750,000 of which will be allocated for the remodel of the Vail Golf Club and Nordic Center in 2012.



**Vail Golf Course**

### **Looking Forward to 2012**

The VRD's mill levy accounts for approximately 7 percent of taxes paid by an average Vail tax payer. These property taxes account for approximately 48 percent of the VRD's revenues with the other 52 percent coming from user fees and other sources. The Eagle County Assessor has revalued all properties based on sales data from January 2009 to June 2010 and due to the decline in property valuations, the taxes to be collected in 2012 are expected to decrease approximately \$495,000 or 16 percent. In preparation for this anticipated decrease, the VRD has reduced operating expenses over the past several years to enable the VRD to continue to invest funds into much needed capital projects. Using \$750,000 allocated at the end of 2011, the VRD is expected to invest a total of \$1.15 million in conjunction with the town and its Conference Center Funds for the remodel of the Vail Golf Course Clubhouse and Nordic Center.

## **YOUTH RECREATION AND ACTIVITIES**

The breadth of youth recreation and activity programming offered by the VRD touched the lives of thousands of children and their families throughout the year.

### **Vail Youth Golf Program**

The Vail Golf Club and its staff were active participants in the Youth Foundation's First Tee of Eagle County Junior Golf Program, which offered over 200 children innovative learning that included instruction about honesty, integrity, sportsmanship and patience. The Vail Golf Club's Junior Team also competed in the Valley First Tee weekly competitions as part of the First Tee program.



**First Tee Junior Golf**

### **Larkburger Youth Mountain Bike Race Series**

The Larkburger Youth Mountain Bike Race Series also continued to grow in 2011 with 325 participants throughout the series, resulting in a 17 percent increase in youth participation over 2010 and a 152 percent increase during the past three years.

### **Youth Sports Camps**

- The Vail Gymnastics Center offered six summer camps for over 155 children who enjoyed not only gymnastics, but trips to the Vail Nature Center, Dobson Ice Arena and area parks.
- The VRD Sports Department offered 15 youth summer sports camps including indoor volleyball, lacrosse, soccer, baseball, basketball, sand volleyball, youth sports training and a new flag football camp. Over 800 local and visiting youth participated in at least one camp throughout the summer. Highlights include:
  - The return of the Back to Basics All-Star Basketball Camp featuring NBA All-Star Sydney Moncrief, who with an award winning staff, taught 54 participants during the four-day camp. The camp also included a new shooting

- academy that strengthened participants shooting skills each day of the camp.
  - Colorado State University head volleyball coach Tom Hilbert returned for his seventh year and led 55 participants in individual skills volleyball training camp for three days.
  - Tetra Brazil Soccer Camp returned for its second year and featured professional Brazilian coaches who taught 122 youth on Vail's athletic fields, resulting in the largest camp participation in the country.
- The Vail Tennis Center offered four weeks of Youth Tennis Camps for approximately 80 children ages six to teens. In addition, the Tennis Center hosted a variety of junior lessons with over 200 participants throughout the summer.



**Vail Tennis Center Junior Camps**

### **Youth Day Camps and School-Year Programming**

The VRD's Youth Services Department hosted over 700 individual children, ages two through 14 in a variety of school-year programming, summer camps and activities, including:

- Camp ECO Fun continued to be a favorite and offered over 550 children, ages four to 11, an opportunity to spend half the day with the Vail Nature Center and the other half with Youth Services staff exploring Vail.
- The Vail Valley's only preschool-age specific camp, Pre Kamp Vail, offered over 900 children ages two-and-a-half to five years recreation, education and adventure.
- Vail's busiest summer camp, Camp Vail, provided 3,300 children a multi-faceted camp that included experiencing many of the VRD's offerings via the Vail Golf Club, Dobson Ice Arena, Vail Gymnastics Center, Vail Nature Center and more. As part of Camp Vail programming, Extreme Camp Vail returned for the fifth summer and offered children an array of outdoor activities including caving, rafting and trips to Water World, Glenwood Caverns and Elitch Gardens.
- Camp Vail Champions returned and offered a week of Camp Vail for 12 children with special needs. Children enjoyed art, climbing, swimming and other activities through a joint venture between the VRD and Small Champions.
- Youth Services also managed Vail's skatepark and offered approximately 100 lessons during the summer.
- KidZone, the after school program at Red Sandstone Elementary School, offered children three hours of after school programming including sports and art enrichment activities, plus homework help during the 2010-11 school year. KidZone has been underway for nearly three decades. Additionally, as part of KidZone, School's Out Camp took place during Thanksgiving, winter and spring break periods where Vail Valley children enjoyed sledding, Nordic skiing, touring local businesses, swimming and more.



**Camp Eco Fun at the Vail Nature Center**

### **Fun on Ice**

Youth programs at Dobson Ice Arena continued to thrive resulting in the largest program participation recorded in nearly a decade. Highlights include:

- Dobson Ice Arena hosted U.S. Women's Olympic Ice Hockey Coach, Mark Johnson, during the annual Bob Johnson Ice Hockey School. This is the 27th year the sold out camp has been taught by Johnson, who is the son of the hockey school's founder, Bob Johnson. Additionally, Pro Ambitions and the Vail Eagle Hockey Association held youth hockey camps in August.
- In January, the seventh season of VRD Mini Mites (ages five to six years) and Mites (ages seven to eight years) began with 32 participants. The fall season began in October and offered 43 participants a variety of on-ice instruction.
- The VRD's Learn to Skate, Junior Prep/Freestyle and StoryTime skating also returned in the fall with over 71 participants.



**Dobson Ice Arena Free Skate**

### **Naturalistic Adventures**

The Vail Nature Center offered Vail Valley youth a myriad of programs that encouraged learning in and about Vail's natural environment, including family favorites such as Stories in the Sky, Family Fun Nights, Fly Fishing, Wildflower Walks, Youth Art, Photo Safaris and more. In the spring and fall, the Nature Center worked with local schools hosting grades kindergarten through second for field trips. Nearly every student within the Eagle County School District visits the Nature Center by third grade.



**Camp Eco Fun at the Vail Nature Center**

### **Twist, Tumble and Turn**

Throughout the year, the Vail Gymnastics Center provided a wealth of programming for Vail's residents and guests through its 40 weekly classes.

- The Vail Gymnastics Team had 17 girls compete in the USA Gymnastics Level 4, four in Level 5, one in Level 7, two in Level 8 and one in Level 9, with many outstanding individual and team results.
- For the first time ever, the Vail Gymnastics Team had a team member qualify for the Level 9 Regional tournament.
- Boys participation increased with 11 boys competing in the CARA league, up from six in 2010.
- The center partnered with Ski and Snowboard Club Vail, whose members participated in instructed classes on Tuesday mornings to improve strength, flexibility, air awareness and basic trampoline and tumbling skills with an emphasis on freestyle and freeride tricks.
- The center also offered a variety of third-party programs included fencing, martial arts and dance.



**Vail Gymnastics Center Practice**

## **ADULT RECREATION AND ACTIVITIES**

The VRD continued to offer recreational programs for adults including golf, tennis, mountain bike and trail running races, naturalistic learning programs, gymnastics, Nordic skiing and more.

### Golf at 8,150 Feet

- 175 golfers named Vail Golf Club as their home course by establishing their handicaps at the course this summer.
- Throughout the summer, the Vail Golf Club professional staff and interns gave 350 individual lessons. Additionally, 360 golfers participated in one of the many clinics offered including Coors Coaching Hour, Senior Clinics, Players Clinics and adult and beginner camps.
- Leagues were offered by the Vail Golf Club with 60 members in the Men's League and 35 members in the Women's League. Weekly events were held throughout the summer and league championships held Sept. 7 and 8. Todd Novak was named the Men's Club Champion and Colleen McCarthy was named the Women's Club Champion.
- The Vail Golf Club expanded its volunteer program in golf operations and in addition to its Pace of Play volunteers, added six volunteers for the Starter Concierge positions.



**Ladies Lessons at Vail Golf Club**

### Sports and Competition

The VRD organized a wealth of activities including the annual trail running and mountain bike race series and sports leagues.

- The La Sportiva Vail Mountain Trail Running Race Series, presented by Suunto, celebrated its 14th season of trail running racing in the Vail Valley with 1,536 runners competing along 58 miles of trails for a total elevation gain of 16,540 feet throughout the summer. 22 runners completed all seven races in the series resulting in a 22 percent increase in overall participation. The VRD also organized two running races during the Teva Mountain Games at Vail and timed the Xterra race in Beaver Creek.
- The VRD celebrated nearly three decades of mountain bike racing in the Vail Valley during the Riverfront Club at the Westin Vail, Beaver Creek Mountain Bike Race Series. Throughout the seven-race series, 1,560 riders competed for \$2,500 in cash and \$25,000 in prizes resulting in a 48 percent increase in adult ridership over the past three years.
- Participation increased in nearly every adult sport league offered and included 10 basketball teams, seven indoor soccer teams, five winter volleyball teams, 50 softball teams, seven 8v8 co-ed soccer teams, seven adult flag football teams and five sand volleyball teams. Adult ice hockey participation continued grow at Dobson Ice Arena with 24 teams and 300 participants during the summer session; eight teams and over 100 participants during the fall session; 12 teams and 156 participants during the spring session; and 14 teams and over 180 participants during the winter session. The women's hockey league was popular with over 50 participants and four teams competing during the summer, plus a women's drop-in league with 25 players this past fall.



**Berry Picker Trail Running Race**

### Discovering Vail's Wild Side

Located on the "wild side" of Ford Park, the Vail Nature Center hosted over 19,500 visitors throughout the summer who participated in a variety of learning programs. Among its adult favorites were the Art in Nature and Fly Fishing classes, Backcountry Hikes, Wildflower Walks, Morning Bird Walks and Evening Beaver Pond Tours. The Nature Center continued to work with Colorado Photographer of the Year, Denis Jones, who offered Photo Safaris, a full day workshop that offered participants tricks and tips to improve their outdoor photography. The Nature Center experienced a record year with a 15 percent increase in participation throughout all its programs.



**Photo Safaris with the Vail Nature Center**

### Vail Nordic Center

During the 2010-11 winter season, the Vail Nordic Center, which operates out of the Vail Golf Club, offered Nordic skiing and snowshoeing to approximately 5,373 day pass users and 526 season pass holders. Nordic Center business owners Mia Stockdale and Shane Sluder also offered hundreds of lessons throughout the season on its 17 kilometers of set track and 10 kilometers of separate snowshoeing trails. The VRD continued to maintain the track and trails during the winter season.

### Clay Court Action

The Vail Tennis Center offered a full range of tennis activities for juniors and adults on its eight clay courts from Memorial Day weekend through September. It hosted up to 900 participants weekly during peak season, mid-June through August. Adult programs included Sunday AM Coed Doubles, Sunday Afternoon Mixed Doubles, Monday AM Divas (Ladies Invitational), Monday ProAM, Tuesday Senior Men's Day, Wednesday Ladies' Drop-in, Wednesdays Men's Night Drop-in, Thursday Mixed Doubles, Thursday Club 50 tennis matches and Friday Divas (Ladies Invitational).



**Vail Tennis Center**

## SPECIAL EVENTS

VRD-managed facilities hosted many events in 2011 including the Special Olympics at Dobson Ice Arena, golf tournaments, skating shows and more. In addition, the VRD produced and promoted a variety of its own family-friendly events to entertain all ages, including:

- In April, Youth Services hosted the annual LionsHead Easter Egg Hunt with over 100 participants on a snowy Saturday morning.
- The Vail Gymnastics Center's fourth annual Spring Gymnastics Show returned in May and offered gymnastics students opportunities to show their families what they learned during individual and group performances.
- Approximately 115 participants competed in the annual Bill Wright Colorado Clay Court Open and Senior Tennis Tournament in August. The tournament is one of the longest-running tennis tournaments in Colorado and a U.S. Tennis Association

sanctioned event with competitors from across the nation.

- In October, Youth Services organized the 19th Annual Trick or Treat Trot and Halloween coloring contest. Over 300 children enjoyed safe trick or treating at nearly 100 merchants throughout Vail Village and LionsHead. Another 80 children entered into the annual coloring contest.
- In October, the VRD partnered with Vail Restaurant Month, *Runner's World* and *Bicycling Magazine* and hosted Run-Ride-Refresh, which included an opportunity to either trail run with Ellen Miller or mountain bike ride with Lance Armstrong's coach, Chris Carmichael. Over 45 participants came out for the sold-out event and enjoyed après at the Vail Chophouse following the ride and run.
- Youth Services partnered with the Town of Vail and Highline Sports and Entertainment for Vail's Holiday celebration and hosted five separate Santa's Workshops throughout Vail from Dec. 19-23. Over 500 children, plus their families enjoyed making crafts to give as gifts, pictures with Santa, card making and more.
- The VRD's athletic fields continued to draw some of the largest, mountain-town sports competitions in the nation, while serving as home field for The Vail Rugby Club and Pepi's Soccer Club. Tournaments held throughout the season included:
  - Vail Lacrosse Shootout and Warrior Colorado Lacrosse Tournament: 5,000 participants.
  - Vail Invitational Soccer Tournament: 600 participants.
  - Kick-It 3v3 Soccer Rocky Mountain Regional Finals: 1,600 participants.
  - Vail Valley Soccer Club Challenge Cup: 2,400 participants.
  - King of the Mountain Volleyball Tournament: 900 participants.
  - Divas Half Marathon Running Race: 900 participants



**Trick or Treat Trot**

## PEOPLE, PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY

The VRD believes that relationships matter, and through its sponsorships, volunteerism and active involvement within the community the VRD staff worked to assist local community organizations and families to thrive in 2011. Throughout the year, countless hours by hundreds of volunteers also helped the VRD continue to provide affordable sports recreation programs to both local users and guests.

### Reaching Out

- The VRD contributed approximately \$20,000 in cash and in-kind services to children in Eagle County through its Eagle County Youth Activities Grant and Tom Slaughter, Jr. Memorial Youth Recreation Grant programs. The grant programs provided school-aged children financial aid to participate in not only VRD programs, but recreation including skiing, snowboarding, basketball, gymnastics and other programs offered in Eagle County. Over the past three years, 60 Vail Valley children were given the opportunity to enhance their quality of life via these grants.
- The VRD supported local businesses and charities by producing high quality programs and events to benefit their specific development efforts, including:
  - Organized and promoted the annual La Sportiva Summer Solstice Trail Running Race in Beaver Creek with proceeds benefiting the Vail Valley

#### Charitable Fund.

- Organized and promoted the annual Mike Janelle Memorial Mountain Bike Race with proceeds benefiting the family of Mike Janelle, a Vail Valley resident and professional athlete who passed away in 2007.
- The Vail Golf Club continued to assist local businesses and organizations with their fundraising efforts including Habitat for Humanity, Ski and Snowboard Club Vail, local schools, Vail Valley Partnership, Bright Future Foundation, Colorado Ski and Snowboard Museum, Vail Valley Charitable Fund and many others.
- Organized and promoted the Battle Mountain High School Cross Country team's annual fundraising running race and trail run with proceeds benefiting the team.
- Organized the Wild West Day Great Stampede trail running race at 4 Eagle Ranch as a benefit for local schools.
- Timed the Eagle Ranch Farmers Moon 5k as a benefit for Sewing Seeds.



**Summer Solstice Trail Run, Benefit for Vail Valley Charitable Fund**

#### Partnerships and People

- Long-time local Scott Todd was selected to become the Vail Golf Club's new Golf Club Superintendent following the departure of Steve Sarro. Todd, was selected from a field of 100 candidates and brings extensive golf course management experience to the golf club.
- Chris Johnson was named Head Golf Professional at the Vail Golf Club in April, replacing Jeanne Suthlerland. Johnson was the Vail Golf Club's 1st Assistant Golf Professional for three years and is a graduate of Ferris State University's PGM program.
- Happy Valley Grill at the Vail Golf Club hired Hunter Smith as the new Executive Chef for the grill. Smith, who formerly worked at Restaurant Kelly Liken and appeared with Liken on Iron Chef America, brought 13 years of culinary experience to the grill and featured a new menu of creative and delicious selections.
- Youth tennis players in the Vail Valley learned from one of the nation's number one-ranked tennis players this summer at the Vail Tennis Center. Vail Tennis Center Youth Pro Vicky Keleske, who along with her husband Mark have won the Husband and Wife National Tennis Championships the past two years, taught the youth clinics and camps through Labor Day.
- The VRD partnered with Homestake Peak School to offer youth and adult programming throughout the year. Programs taking place at the school included youth basketball, volleyball and futsal, plus adult basketball and co-ed futsal.
- The VRD Youth Services department continued to partner with Vail Resorts, Inc. for use of the Golden Peak Children's Center for its summer camp programs, as well as Red Sandstone Elementary School for summer camp, KidZone After School and School's Out Camp programs.
- The VRD was proud to announce a new title sponsor for its mountain bike race series, The Athletic Club at the Westin, plus a new title sponsor for the Vail Kids Adventure Race, KEEN. Both sponsors will join Suunto, which is a presenting sponsor for the Vail Mountain Trail Running Series, in 2012 for another successful year of racing.
- The VRD continued to work closely with the White River National Forest and U.S. Bureau of Land Management. Many VRD programs that take place on forest service land operate under a special use permit from the White River National Forest.

- The Nature Center continued to partner with the Walking Mountains Science Center to provide a variety of programs within the White River National Forest including backcountry hiking. Additionally, the Nature Center recruited a large number of volunteers for the 2011 Eagle River Clean-Up, organized by the Eagle River Watershed Council.
- The VRD, Town of Vail and ECO Trails participated in the second annual Sole Power program, which challenged the community to use non-motorized transportation as part of a new green commuting challenge during the year. The Sole Power challenge logged participants' daily activity via biking, running, walking - even skating - while calculating the calories burned, gas money saved and carbon dioxide emissions eliminated. The effort resulted in nearly 200 participants logging 21,000 gasoline-free miles and saving 20,000 pounds of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere.
- Partnerships and sponsorships remained crucial to the success of VRD's programs and activities. Partners included: Aberle Investments, Alpine Bank, Antlers at Vail, American National Bank, AQX Sports, Avon Liquor, Beaver Creek Resort Company, Billy's Island Grill, Blue Moose Pizza, Booth Creek Capital, Bud Light, CamelBak, Chill Cooling Towels, CMT Painting, Columbia Sportswear, Comerford Insurance Agency, David Honda's Sports Medicine Physical Therapy, Dusty Boot, East West Resorts, Evergreen Lodge, FirstBank of Vail, Gallegos Corporation, Gatorade, Happy Valley Grill, High Country Copiers, Highline Sports and Entertainment, Holiday Inn Apex Vail, Howard Head Sports Medicine Centers, Journey Films, KidSport, Kineysys Sunscreen, KZYR, Larkburger, Larkspur Restaurant, La Sportiva, Lighthouse Condominiums, Los Amigos, Luca Bruno, Mountain Pedalar, Nedbo Construction, Optic Nerve, Pazzo's Pizza, Pedal Power, Plum TV, Rock Resorts, Rocky Mountain Bicycles, Rotary, Ruggs Benedict, Save our Soles, Simba Run, Sitzmark Lodge, Skins, Small Champions, Smartwool, Steadman Clinic, Subway, Suunto, Technovia Consulting, The Athletic Club at the Westin, The Kind, The Resort Company, Tiga Advertising, Trek Light, Town of Vail, TV8, Vail Bike Tech, Vail Cascade Resort and Spa, Vail Daily, Vail Honeywagon, Vail International Condominiums, Vail Mountain Marriott and Spa, Vail's Mountain Haus, Vail Racquet Club, Vail Realty, Vail Resorts, Inc., Valley Ace Hardware, Vendetta's, Venture Sports, Western Eagle County Metropolitan District, Westside Café, Wilson Sporting Goods, Wynton Homes and many more.



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