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- Check for leaks around windows and door frames to prevent heat loss
- Clean out gutters and downspouts
- Weather strip your garage door to prevent drafts and keep out small animals
- Put away hoses and make sure irrigation systems are blown out
- Ensure your heat system is in good working order
- Change the direction of your ceiling fan to create an upward draft that redistributes warm air from the ceiling
- Confirm carbon monoxide and smoke detectors are working properly

## Singletree Community Events

Join your neighbors at upcoming events.

### Halloween Party

Sunday, October 27, from 3 PM to 5PM  
This is an all-ages event, and costumes are encouraged!

### Wine Tasting

Thursday, November 14, from 6 PM to 8 PM  
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# Hello Singletree Residents!

As we turn the page to October, we're excited to offer a captivating collection of stories that reflect the vibrant spirit of the neighborhood.

In this issue, we first introduce you to Susan and Alex Lidback, a couple relatively new to Singletree whose individual journeys were actually filled with coincidence and common connections. Living close to each other at school in Louisiana yet never meeting until they crossed paths in Washington DC, their 31-year marriage and adventures are a testament to their enduring bond. Their shared love for the mountains is what has made their arrival in Singletree feel like destiny fulfilled.

This edition shines a spotlight on the Sonnenalp Golf Club with two fun stories: Ursula and Manuela Kemble, the Swiss sisters who triumphed in the ladies' member guest tournament, and Mark and Parker Lathrop, the father-son duo who both scored remarkable hole-in-ones within weeks of each other. Both achievements truly capture the joy and memories that are uniquely found over a round of golf.

We also follow the quest of local pickleball enthusiasts who support the charge for an indoor facility, ensuring that this beloved game and its benefits can be enjoyed year-round in Eagle County. And finally, join us as we look back and bask



in the warmth of a post-ski season beach getaway to Maui with Ayla Sherman—a perfect reminder of life's simple pleasures—and inspiration to start planning for next May!

I wish you a few quiet moments to take in the peace and quiet of October here in the valley and to enjoy this issue of your neighborhood magazine...

Warm regards,

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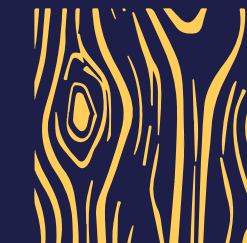
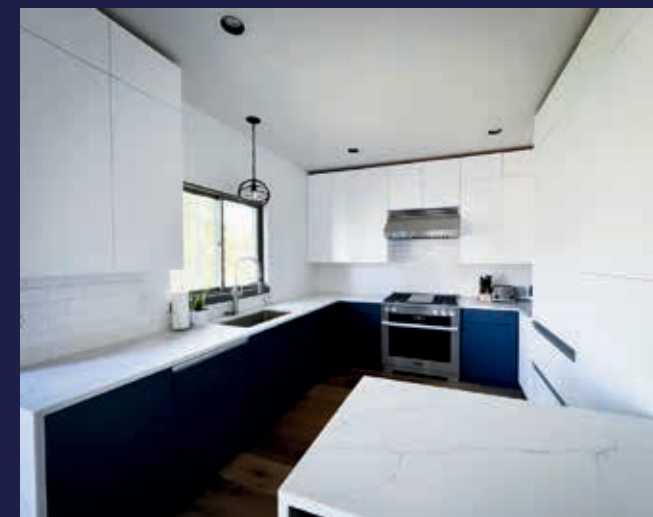
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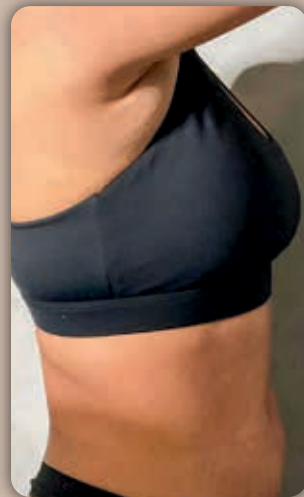
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**SUSAN AND ALEX LIDBACK** are relatively new full-time residents to Singletree having just moved into their home in October 2023, after completing an extensive remodel that began in early 2022. They were born in two different countries, lived near one another in one state but never met, met in our nation’s capital, have been married thirty-one years, raised two kids, rescued a British cat, lived as expats in the UK twice, and through it all, are still best friends for the long haul. They both loved and experienced the mountains as children and believe their long journey to their “Sweet Spot” in Singletree was no means by chance.

**FAMILIES UNITED**

It was in Lima, Peru, following WWII when Alex’s parents met on a golf course. (See “Italian Roots” for an interesting history about Alex’s Italian family). Alex’s paternal grandfather, Percival Lidback, was serving as Swedish diplomat in Peru and following the war, Percival sent his son, Arne Lidback, back to Sweden to attend Sigtunaslolan Humanistska Laroverket, the historic boarding school in Sigtuna, Sweden. After his graduation, Arne returned to Peru and met Alex’s mother, Franca Carbone, at Lima Golf Club. The Lidbacks and Carbones united and not long after they wed, they began their family of twins, a daughter and Alex, all raised with a native tongue of Spanish. Unfortunately, after ten years of marriage, the avid golfers and close-knit family would be forced to part ways with their beloved relatives and flee their home of Peru.

**FAMILIES TORN APART**

On October 3, 1968, General Juan Velasco led a bloodless military coup that overthrew the then elected president, Fernando Belaun. Velasco ushered in a military dictatorship bent on controlling every facet of Peruvian life. This oppressive political situation forced Alex’s family, including Alex, to leave Peru for the United States. It was a harrowing journey for all those who made it. The Lidbacks

**ITALIAN ROOTS:  
A BIT OF FAMILY HISTORY**

We need to go back to the tragic days before and during World War II, a much untold history and the journey that brought Alex’s mother’s family to Peru where he was born. In the 1930s, Alex’s maternal grandparents, Franco and Elena Carbone, emigrated from Genoa, Italy, to Peru. Peru was viewed as a land of opportunity at that time, and the political situation in Germany and Italy did not bode well for the future. Another Italian family of the man who would eventually become Alex’s uncle and Godfather, Manlio Pocari, was also living in Genoa, but elected to stay. The Nazis had unleashed a reign of terror in Italy to punish the surrendered Italian army. In the next few months, over 14,000 mostly non-Jewish civilians and disarmed Italian soldiers were murdered, many times publicly. Manlio and his family had hidden in the hills surrounding Genoa for months to avoid the Nazi wrath. It wasn’t until after the Italian Army surrendered to the allies on September 8, 1943, that they also fled to the safety of Peru. It was there where Alex’s mother, Franca, and her siblings were born, the Carbones met the Porcaris and his Italian family put down their roots.

# SUSAN & ALEX LIDBACK

ARTICLE CONTRIBUTED BY SUSAN AND ALEX LIDBACK IN COLLABORATION WITH TIM SWIFT, SINGLETREE RESIDENT





were forced to smuggle as much of the family's accumulated wealth and valuables with them without it being found and confiscated by agents of the Velasco government. They accomplished this by sewing both cash, jewelry, and other valuables and mementos into their clothes to get it past the border patrols.

#### **OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO**

Alex, having been born in Peru, and now at the age of four, settled with his family in Connecticut. His father took a job in New York City with Ethyl Corporation and in less than two years the family found themselves packing up again for South America. This time it would be as expatriates living in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. They remained there for four years where Alex picked up a good understanding of Portuguese and learned English at the Escola Americana. Following their expatriate stint in Brazil, Alex's family returned to the United States and landed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. It's here where Alex learned the American way of life. The Lidback family planted big roots in Louisiana. His parents continued sharing their passion for golf with their children, his mother the club champ of every golf club they ever joined and his sister a successful collegiate and eventual LPGA player. Alex, who could usually be found on the course practicing or competing, played for the Baton Rouge Magnet School and eventually the Louisiana State University team while earning a degree in economics.

#### **STRAWBERRIES, CRAWFISH, AND GUMBO**

Susan's maternal family, the Walkers, moved to Louisiana from Iowa and started a timber business and her paternal family, the Parkers, landed in Louisiana after originally being Oklahoma Sooners. The Walker/Parker families united in marriage in Louisiana and Susan went on her first camping trip at the young age of six months. She and her brother were taken each summer on family trips to the beaches of Florida and the mountains of Tennessee. She grew up loving the outdoors and when she heard the local church bells chime five pm, she knew it was time to go home for supper. Their family established deep roots in Ponchatoula, Louisiana, the "Strawberry Capital of the World". Susan was not only Strawberry Junior Miss at age 7 but also represented her town in the Aloha Bowl and the scholastic Louisiana Junior Miss. She developed a keen palette for creating fabulous Cajun food from her relatives and is still known for her hospitality, congeniality, and event planning.

#### **FINDING COMMON GROUND AT BULLFEATHER'S**

While Alex was attending LSU, little did he know that right down the road from Baton Rouge, his future wife was living and now earning her degree in Political Science at Southeastern Louisiana University. They never did meet in Louisiana but eventually met after university, while they were both living and working in Washington, DC. Alex was in sales working for a Spanish import company, and Susan was a Trial Clerk for the US Tax Court. They met in perhaps, the most American way possible and as many twenty somethings in DC do. They were both attending dollar Rolling Rock night at Bullfeather's, a popular saloon in Old Town Alexandria, just outside Washington. They shared stories about Louisiana, figured out that they had been at the same U2 and Madonna concerts at the same time without meeting, and that they knew many of the same people. He charmed her into dancing and spoiler alert, it all went well. Their adventures together of hiking, traveling, cooking, and cycling began in Virginia but soon his career took him to Texas. Long distance dating, they decided, was for the birds, and Susan eventually made the move to Texas as well, about nine months later.

#### **A MOUNTAIN LOVEFEST BEGINS**

In 1993, Susan and Alex were married and settled in Houston, Texas. Alex was now working for an economic consulting firm specializing in issues affecting the chemical industry and Susan was an intellectual property litigation paralegal for a big Houston law firm. While they were both very dedicated hard workers in their fields, in their spare time, Alex remained an avid golfer and took up triathlon while Susan became an enthusiastic gardener. Together they joined a triathlon and cycling club and enjoyed hundreds of miles of cycling centuries and sprints across Texas. In 1997, the young Lidback family grew with the addition of their first child, Arne and Susan traded in her business suits and pumps for cargos and

tennis shoes. She found herself volunteering for everything from PTO and Sunday School to fundraising and charity work.

On a tiny budget, and the USA/Canada dollar 2/1, the first family mountain vacation was to Jasper, Canada where they hiked with Arne on dad's back. Andrew was added in 2000 and the trek to Jasper became an annual event, first with Andrew on mom's back to eventually both kids leading the way to scaling boulders, rafting the rapids, tackling the scenic trails and skipping stones on the many lakes and rivers they encountered. They eventually expanded their mountain trips to include Yosemite, California, Wyoming and Costa Rica for more hikes, bouldering and new repelling adventures.

#### LIFE IN LONDON

In 2007, Alex's firm transferred the family to London, England. They lived and worked there until 2009, and the kids attended TASHIS England, located in Virginia Water, Surrey. While there, the family explored the mountains of Europe whenever the kids had school breaks. Zermatt was a favorite for both skiing in the winter and hiking amongst the edelweiss and cows in the summer. They left London in December 2009 when Alex's firm moved him back to Houston from whence they had come, and, Houston being Houston, mountains were few and far between.

#### BACK TO THE MOUNTAINS OF EUROPE

They spent the next three years in Houston until, once again, they were transferred back to the UK in 2013. Alex had changed employers, but his expertise in all things English and the global chemical industry led to them being sent back to London. Prior to agreeing to the transfer, they held a family meeting and the quick decision was unanimous that back to Europe they would go. It was during this expatriate residency that the Lidbacks really deepened their love of the mountains. The Swiss and French Alps provided picturesque miles of peaks and valleys to hike and pistes to ski. New favorite discoveries included Grindelwald and Wengen and there were repeat trips to Zermatt.

In 2018, their second European stint ended and it was back to Houston for Susan and Alex. Arne was now finishing up a Mechanical Engineering degree at Purdue University and Andrew was starting a Computer Science degree at Arizona State University. For Susan and Alex, the mountains still inexorably drew them in. In the summer of 2019, the family decided to explore more of Colorado and came to the Vail Valley. They were here for two weeks and loved every minute of it. In 2020, the pandemic struck and resulted in Alex's corporate office shutting down for the duration. That was the bad news. The good news was that all he needed to continue his job off site was a laptop and a strong internet connection. With Alex's laptop and a West Vail Airbnb bandwidth, the couple had the chance to fully embrace the mountain lifestyle. The family visited during every season and found a love for the Valley. The snow, the sunshine, the mountains, the hiking, the Aspens and the people; they fell in love with it all.

#### LIVING THE DREAM IN SINGLETREE

It was in 2022 when Susan and Alex finally decided to end the commuting and begin to live the dream they had harbored



for many years. They contracted a fabulous Valley real estate professional and made it happen by buying their current (and, hopefully, final) home in Singletree. Although it was their love for the mountains that finally prompted their desire to become full time residents, the move to the Valley also brought them closer to their now-grown children, Arne now living in Santa Fe and Andrew in Scottsdale.

As both a neighbor and a friend, I cannot tell you what a great addition to our community the Lidbacks are. Alex, who works at home, skis, hikes or rides in his free time and continues to travel the world as a consultant to the chemical industry. Susan, a fashion consultant for Cabi Clothing, serving a loyal list of clientele from both the UK and the USA, can be found hiking, skiing, or gardening in our valley. They enjoy skiing the slopes of Vail, Beaver Creek, and Arrowhead, and hiking on the Singletree BLM and Eagle County Trails. They even recently completed their first 14er by summiting Quandary Peak at 14,275 feet. They continue to travel near and far and just this year went to London, Hawaii, Sweden, Germany, Denmark and Norway. They also continue to entertain and invite friends, family, and neighbors for gumbo traditions and block parties.

#### PAT THE CAT

One thing, however, faithfully keeps their memories of living in England alive. During their second tour in London a forlorn feline wandered into their orbit. They immediately took the sad creature in, named her Pat the Cat, and she remains a vital part of their household to this day.



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# Swiss Sisters Ursula & Manuela Soar to Victory

Olympic spirit, new friends, and a whole lot of fun - a win for the memory book!

CONTRIBUTED BY URSULA KEMBLE, SINGLETREE RESIDENT



My handicap may not reflect it, but I love golf! My passion for it puzzled my sister Manuela for a long time. She did not understand how chasing a ball into small holes in the ground for several hours could possibly be considered fun. Growing up in Switzerland, we did not play golf. Golf is considered more of an elite sport there. Land in Switzerland is at a premium, which means golf courses are not as abundant and the cost of playing is accordingly high. Still, about four years ago, my sister decided to take some golf lessons after all. Much to her surprise, she came to understand us golf nuts much faster than she expected.

Learning to play golf in Switzerland is serious business. Initially, a novice golfer is restricted to hitting balls on the driving range

and can only play on the course under the direction and coaching of a golf professional. During this time, one must also pass a written test about knowledge of golf etiquette and golf rules. Passing the test still doesn't allow the new golfer to go play on the golf course on their own. A golf professional will evaluate the golfer's progress and, at their discretion, will in time issue a certificate of competence. My sister finally got the thumbs up a couple of years ago. In order to play on most Swiss golf courses, your handicap must be a minimum of 36; some courses even require a minimum handicap of 24.

Soon after Manuela started playing, she faced one of the most difficult phases of her life. Her beautiful and larger than life husband was diagnosed with a terminal illness. During his

illness, he encouraged her to keep pursuing golf. Golf provides a place to disconnect, meet with friends old and new, and escape in that space and peace for a few hours. He knew that these were things she desperately needed while trying to cope with their reality. Sadly, he passed away about a year and a half ago. Golf has played an important part in my sister's healing, and we are so grateful that he supported her in her new found love of the game.

### Fast forward ....

Earlier this year, we started planning Manuela's summer visit. She had visited us at our home in Singletree several times before. This year, she was adamant that she wanted to play a lot of golf together, especially the Sonnenalp Golf Course. Serendipitously, I received the Sonnenalp's weekly newsletter during that time. It featured this year's annual Calliope Ladies' Member/Guest

tournament. The tournament dates coincided with her scheduled visit. The theme for this year's tournament was the Olympics. I immediately realized how much fun it would be to play in a golf tournament with my sister for the first time... and it was obvious that we would have to be 'Team Switzerland'.

Convincing my sister to participate was not easy. She still considers herself a beginner golfer and not good enough to participate in a tournament. It required all my persuasive skills that the goal was not winning. We were going to have nothing but fun, enjoy our time doing something together that we had never done before, and allow ourselves to laugh at every bad shot. I even used the argument that we would be very popular as the team who would come in last, sparing anyone else from that dubious award.

She finally relented, and we started planning how to represent 'Team Switzerland'. Before we knew it, we were out of control! Etsy became my best friend. I ordered anything and everything with a Swiss cross on it,

including the gaudiest dresses to wear on the first day of play. Much to our surprise, we won the Best Dressed category with those things! On the evening before the tournament, Manuela arrived. One of her suitcases was filled entirely with all things Swiss: Lampions, Bells, Sweatshirts, Wristbands, Swiss Golf Balls, Tees, Edelweiss Jewelry, Towels, Socks, Temporary Swiss Tattoos, even the most adorable little Swiss Cows, crocheted by one of our Swiss childhood friends. When we surveyed our 'loot', we questioned whether perhaps we had gone overboard.

The next day, we played our practice round, followed by

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the welcome reception. We met the loveliest ladies. The golf staff ceremoniously lit our tournament's Olympic flame... white tunics, torches and all. It was obvious that everyone was just as invested in the spirit of having a fun tournament as we were.

We were incredibly nervous on the morning of the first day of play. Fortunately, we were paired with the nicest ladies, Annie and Jan. They had us relaxed and laughing in no time at all. After the first round, there was a putting contest. The golf staff had set up the most fun and precious 9-hole putting course. Everyone had a blast playing it, trying to win those coveted bragging rights. Day two of the tournament was just as much fun. On both days, the club served a beautiful breakfast buffet as well as great lunches afterwards.

Nobody was more surprised than my sister and me when our names were announced for winning Low Net. We had zero clue leading up to that moment. That being said, we didn't win because we are that good - we were simply lucky enough. The format was a Best Ball on both days, and we 'Ham and Egged' it just right. This can happen to anyone. Individually, we had plenty of bad holes. We were fortunate that we didn't seem to ever have them at the same time.

I have played in several guest tournaments at different clubs. The Sonnenalp Golf Club outdid them all! Their commitment to this event went above and beyond. Kudos to the tournament organizer, Carling Bennett, our General Manager, Jim Miller, our head pro, Kirby Lee, and his golf shop staff. They were out in full force every day. I can't think of a single thing which they could have done better.

I want to encourage all female members of the club to consider playing in the Calliope Ladies Member/Guest tournament next year. Only 14 teams signed up this year - compared to over 40 teams in the Men's Member/Guest event! We are so fortunate to have a club that is willing to invest this much energy to ensure a first class and fun tournament for the lady members and their guests.

I hope we can award and encourage them with greater participation in the

future. You don't have to be part of the Tuesday Ladies' Golf League. Nobody cares if you're a 10 or a 30 handicap. My sister entered with a 32 handicap and I'm pretty sure we had the highest combined handicap of all the teams. With some luck on your side, anyone can win - my sister and I are proof of that. Nobody will remember how well or how badly you played or where you finished. But I'm convinced you will remember the fun you had, how much you enjoyed meeting new friends, and having had the chance to catch up and make great new memories with a sister or a friend you haven't seen for a while. Hope to see you there next year!



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# *Cabaret:* The Importance of Community Musical Theatre!

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Allie Decent and John Tedstrom

I didn't jump into it right away, however. Even those of us with great experience in performing feel a little shy after 15 years, so VVTC offers seasonal choir and dancing classes for only \$50 for 5 sessions through partners at Colorado Mountain College. Starting in January of 2024, I struck up the courage to ask my husband if I could go sing with other theatre types, and he figured he could parent by himself at least one night a week so off I went! The rest, they say, is history.

After being praised for my vocal talent and adorable personal skills, I built up the hutzpah to audition for the summer production of *Cabaret*, directed by Battle Mountain High School's Art Teacher David Mayer. Now, let's do some background. I have never watched *Cabaret*, nor did I understand the marrow of the message in this elusive musical. It certainly wasn't on the 8-tracks and recorded tapes my father played of Broadway's Greatest Hits throughout my childhood from the audio room. Yes, I'm that old, we had a whole area of the living room dedicated to the most current line of audio equipment. Now, my parents just have an Alexa. The reverberations, sadly, aren't the same.

It says a lot about a musical to claim that *Cabaret* came into my life and dug out the rotted innards of my Being and filled them with light. After all, I performed in *La Boheme* with Opera Philadelphia, and I never felt such raptured torture in the portrayal of the delicacies of human existence as I did with *Cabaret*. Maybe it's because I am older and wiser now, and the pain of loss and betrayal are known to me

My soul is fed with spiritual food, of the theatre kind! I've always done theatre as a kid and young adult, way back in Ocean City, NJ and Philadelphia, PA. When I moved out here to Colorado, I left the theatre troupe behind and figured I'd work on the grind of living here in the mountains. On the outside, I had it all. A house, a husband, a beautiful daughter, a career, time to golf and ski, a rocking bod, the works! But something was missing, and I finally figured it out after Singletree local Lauren Bonati (and fellow soprano) kept pestering me to audition for a local theatre production and use my talents as an opera-trained soprano from the East Coast. I have to admit, besides shocking people when I sang them happy birthday and making up silly songs for my daughter in the car, I hadn't performed since 2007, so the cobwebs in my throat were as established as Congress. I ended up landing a role and performing in the Vail Valley Theatre Company's (VVTC) production of *Cabaret* at Chasing Rabbits in Vail from July 16-21st, and it saved my life!



intimately as I create a character that bears their scars as a badge of proof that they were here, that they mattered, that life is beautiful. Not only did I prove to myself that I can rise and reign under pressure, but I also learned skills within the globe of theatre uncharted throughout my repertoire.

For those that don't know, *Cabaret* is a musical that tells the story of the lives of performers and people surrounding a raunchy nightclub in Berlin during the rise of fascism in 1930. Kind of like a very depressing and definitely not romantic version of *Love Actually*, where the storyline focuses on two leads and follows a few rivulets of background characters over the course of about 6 months of their lives as everything they know and trust about the world falls to bits.

Written by Joe Masteroff in 1966, it's known as a more realistic than artistic rendition of the true world of the 1920-30s sex clubs scattered throughout the un-tethered post-war inflation-burdened fledgling nation of Germany. That's a lot of hyphenations, but I do that on purpose. The

evening, for a thrill. You would be proven wrong by your assumptions as the musical progresses. As a cast member, hearing the hoots and jeers of the audience members while on stage when we hit the kick-line of the opening number "Willkommen" was definitely an adrenaline rush I will be pursuing until the end of my days. But those hollers were usually by audience members who, like myself in April during tryouts, knew nothing of what was coming. The ones familiar with the storyline were sanguine in their chairs, sipping their drinks, and ready for the true tale. I'd have to name all the cast members to do them each justice for the work they performed night after night, but since we are a Singletree magazine I'll stick to the performance of John Tedstrom, whose article you read earlier this year, and Charis Patterson, local Edwards acting legend and performer in *The Fabulous Femmes*.

John played the surprise Nazi sympathizer, Ernst Ludwig, in the VVTC production. He was absolutely remarkable, incredibly endearing, and completely

entire production is itself a hybridic commotion of the social fluctuations and ambiguous (dare I say ambisexual) cloud that hung over the fledgling nation at the time, and as a cast member, I harbored compassion for the true historical drama that played out. It's understandable that a nation burdened by losing a war they thought they'd win, taxed with reparations by all the other nations, and falling into apparent chaos with all of Europe's "freaks and deviants" coming to live freely within the lack of governmental controls over societal norms, would eventually fall to a reactionary fascist Nazi government within that decade.

*Cabaret* starts with a raunchy traditional kick-line filled with Kit Kat Klub Girls & Boys strutting their stuff in bustiers and lace panties and an M.C. who bulldozes your senses and sexual appetites into complacency that you are just in the audience for an experience, for



traumatizing. His character's progression from friendly nice guy on a train to Berlin and overall show villain slapped the audience across the face as gasps flickered throughout the room before the finale of the first act. Some audience members started laughing, they were so uncomfortable and terrified. I think one calls it "frightened out of their wits."

John's character has a progression and timeline that mirrors the musical almost exactly, which gives the audience a meta-cinema experience that confuses senses and sense of time and place within the production. The cast felt very similarly throughout the performances, which we attributed to the location within the very sexy and scary *Chasing Rabbits in The Solaris*, but upon further reflection, was likely the strength

of the main character performers like John. It was truly an honor to be in their presence.

Charis Patterson was our M.C, and she was delightfully charming, fantastically foreboding, and thunderously tragic. Originally cast as a male character, since the show's inception and freestyle storytelling allowance as only this musical can offer, the character has become sexually ambiguous. Overall silly as the mime-clown of the show, Charis took us on a ride that dazzled and dazed, demented and demurred. The audience never knew what they were going to get when she stepped on stage to introduce a number, crack a joke, or remove her cloak.

In the final scene, when the cast came out carrying our shoes to drop them on the stage in a pile, so redolent yet direct in its reference to those found outside of each crematorium when the allies stormed the concentration camps, Charis maintained composure as the pillar of the production. She stood on stage in her German slick trench coat and hat, while the cast (okay, me, I cried every night like a baby) and the audience began to sob with collective horror. Upon the final characters' entrance and position, with gravitas, she removed her costume to reveal that of a concentration camp uniform, bedraggled and

weighed with the memory of human suffering and loss. All with her face a dripping mask of mime-like clown grotesque proportions.

Needless to say, we had standing ovations every night of the 6-night production. We also had people leave at intermission because they came for legs and saw Nazi uniforms and death in the future. Not everyone wants to be reminded of their own humanity, their own complicit acceptance of modern-day social warfare. The director and production manager were approached by attendees of *Cabaret* from the London production earlier this summer, and the tearful couple told them that our version and our production and our cast was better than in London. Our valley is abundant with talent, and yes, we have day jobs, and yes, you should come see our next production or try out for the next round. Trust me, it's worth it.

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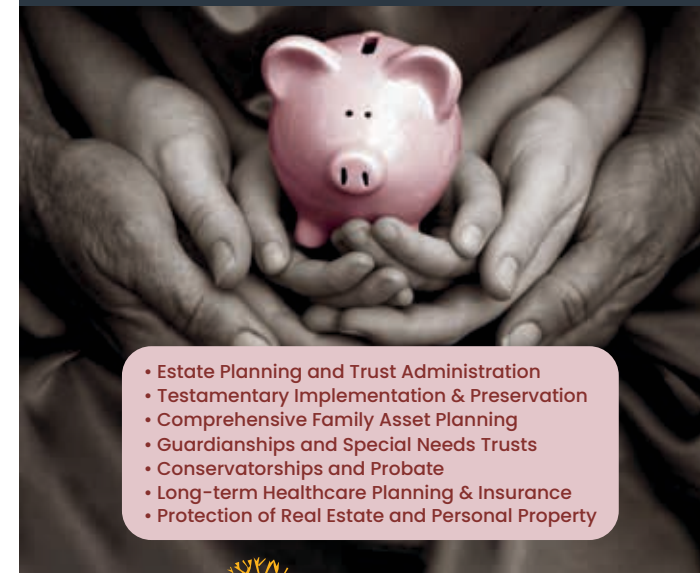
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## Indoor Pickleball - NOW Please!

Enthusiastic players in the Vail Valley seek to bring the game inside for year-round fun, fitness, and community with a dedicated pickleball facility

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The days are getting shorter, the temperatures are beginning to dip. What is the number one topic heard on the pickleball courts of EagleVail, Golden Peak, Arrowhead, Avon, Beaver Creek, Cordillera, and of course, Singletree? The answer: “When are we EVER going to have a great indoor place to play pickleball?” It’s impossible to keep up with recreation in the Valley and not be aware that pickleball is a rapidly growing sport with

inclusiveness for those of all ages and abilities.

### The Challenge: The Lack of Indoor Pickleball Facilities

Today, there are perhaps thousands of people from Vail to Gypsum who play anywhere from a few times a month to a few times a day. There are nearly 50 outdoor courts spread throughout the valley which are used from the first rays of sun in the spring to the first snow of the winter. But when the snow falls,

and the temperatures are below freezing, where do the pickleball players go?

There are a few indoor courts at elementary schools in Vail and Avon available for limited times on temporary courts and on surfaces that are not ideal for pickleball. There are 3 courts at the Edwards Field House - maybe three of the worst indoor courts in the country, and 3 courts available in the morning at Mountain Rec in Gypsum. And that’s about it.

### The Need: Reaping the Benefits of Pickleball

Does it matter that pickleball in the Vail Valley essentially goes away in the winter? Yes, it does. There are numerous medical and mental health studies that show that the exercise and camaraderie and just plain fun that pickleball brings to communities is not something to be dismissed. The sole “blue zone” (groups of people that live very long happy lives) in the US is in Loma Linda, CA; there,

pickleball has been integrated into their community for decades. Many school systems in California have taught their kids pickleball starting at very young ages since the 90s. It’s easy to learn (even for very little kids), it’s cheap (the nets, paddles, and balls are a drop in the bucket compared to most other sports), and it doesn’t take up much space (you can fit 3 - 4 courts on a full size basketball court and these courts can be set up and taken down in minutes).

If you’re unfamiliar with the fun of pickleball, stop by any of the courts in the valley when there is ‘open play’ - that is everyone plays with everyone generally without regard to ability or age. People are laughing, trash talking, and not caring one little bit about the score. And yet in the winter, here in the Vail Valley, the fun stops, the ball stops bouncing, and people stop moving. Yes. Here it is all about outdoor

activities in the winter, but there are many who want to continue to play pickleball year-round.

So, why don’t we have indoor pickleball in the valley? There are 55,000 plus residents with more moving here all the time. That is split between Eagle/Gypsum with about 15,000 down valley and the rest between Edwards and Vail. Clearly this number swells considerably in the winter.

### The Model: Indoor Pickleball in Steamboat Springs

The community model for all to emulate (and envy) is Steamboat Springs. They have just completed the Steamboat Tennis and Pickleball facility. This non-profit facility has a brand new building housing 12 state of the art pickleball courts, 8 cushioned outdoor pickleball courts, 6 outdoor, and 4 indoor tennis courts. It was funded by donations



### BILL COX

I began playing pickle ball in Florida when, at the age of 75, arthritis in my hips and shoulder prevented me from playing tennis. Kim had wanted me to try pickleball and initially I poo-pooed the idea but went to Walmart and got a paddle and tried it and instantly became addicted. Ten years later, with the help of two new hips and a new shoulder, I play four or five times a week. For an octogenarian like myself, it has been transformational on many levels: physical, mental, emotional, and particularly social. It may even help to prevent Alzheimer’s. Indoor facilities would be great and might prevent me from migrating to Florida in the winter. It would certainly benefit the local community whose pickleball numbers continue to grow exponentially!



## CONNIE & BILL WELCH

Connie & I were introduced to pickleball in the summer of 2013 when we went to the public tennis court across the street from Golden Peak in Vail. When we got there, the west court was occupied by people waiting to get on to the east court that had been converted into 2 weird courts where people were playing a game we were told is called “pickleball”. When we asked the people to get off the west court so we could play tennis, we were introduced to Joe Rink, one of the founders of PB in Vail Valley, who convinced us to try “pickleball” instead of playing tennis, and from that day on, we became PB addicts and never played tennis again!

We play a couple of times a week from spring through the fall at the Avon and Eagle-Vail courts. We don’t play much in the winter season because there is no good quality facility available in Vail Valley.

While the physical benefits are obvious, the mental challenge of staying focused during a game is very difficult, but very rewarding when

successfully accomplished. The unexpected benefit of pickleball was the social aspect that PB offers in terms of meeting so many new people who have become some of our closest friends. Additionally, even during a competitive game, there is always room for good natured jesting and comments with each other that are unique to PB!

We would strongly welcome an indoor pickleball facility in Vail Valley so that we could continue to enjoy the fun of PB during the winter season, as well as the rest of the year!

Since PB has been the fastest growing sport in the world in recent years, it would be wonderful to have an indoor PB facility in Vail Valley to meet the playing needs of locals in our community, throughout the year, so they could experience the benefits of PB that we have!

The sport has become super popular and is enjoyed by folks of all ages. I think a dedicated indoor facility would be a great addition to round out our community.

from the community. A private, anonymous donor gave \$1,000,000, another gave \$350,000, and a third provided a match up to \$1,000,000. The rest of the \$11 million program came from community donations - large and small. Because it is a non-profit operation, the costs to play are low and there are ‘scholarships’ available for low-income players. There are programs for the lower and upper schools as well as programs for mothers with ways to watch their kids. It’s an incredible asset for Steamboat.

### The Solution: Potential Options in the Vail Valley

As it stands now, there are several locations that could be suitable for indoor pickleball in the Singletree/Avon area. The unoccupied space next to Sun and Ski in Avon, the old Office Max, has been empty for over a decade! 3rd Shot Pickleball, a commercial pickleball company with two beautiful locations in Denver came very close to opening a facility here - a centrally located easy-to-convert facility with space for 7 courts. In fact, 3rd Shot had a lease signed but backed out on the last day of their due diligence. Those of us involved in helping 3rd Shot make this work suspect it was purely a financial decision. They had a profit motive, high rent, and a basket of unknowns. So, the space sits empty.

Other possibilities that are under consideration include (1) renovating and expanding the Edwards Field House, (2) building a facility on available land in EagleVail, and/or (3) hoping a commercial venture decides that the Valley is economically feasible for pickleball and builds one on the land north of



Walmart. Any of these options will take years to develop and build. It is only recently that the currently available indoor courts have become inadequate for the demand. And it’s only recently that the community has started to raise issue the issue with local governments and local commercial property owners. There’s a long way to go.

To make a non-profit, community sponsored facility a reality, it will take a LOT of people, and a LOT of work, and a LOT of money. If you’re willing, interested, and want to get involved, please contact Mike Kieler at [mkieler80401@gmail.com](mailto:mkieler80401@gmail.com).



## DOUG TALBOT

I started playing PB at the Golden Peak courts the first year they opened. My good friend, Reggie, suggested I give it a try. I had never heard of it, what a silly name. How serious a sport could it be? It only took me a couple days... I was hooked!

PB can be physically demanding and requires a great deal of focus. Other times PB can be quite relaxing and very social. It’s almost always fun and a great way to get together with new and old friends.

There are several locations where one can play PB during our long snow season, all of them are school gyms or recreation centers, and time must be rationed with basketball, volleyball, etc. and regular school activities making timing difficult for many to join in.

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# From Ski Bum to Beach Bum... Five Fantastic Days in Maui!

Ayla and Oscar enjoy a post ski-season getaway to indulge in beach time, gourmet food, and plenty of adventure

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Maui is the ultimate beach-focused getaway, where sun-soaked days and gentle ocean waves create the perfect backdrop for relaxation and adventure. With 275 days of sunshine year-round, visitors can indulge in everything from swimming with sea turtles to lounging on pristine shores. For food lovers, the island offers a vibrant culinary scene, making it a true paradise for beach bums and foodies alike. Whether you're exploring hidden coves or savoring fresh local cuisine, Maui promises an unforgettable experience.

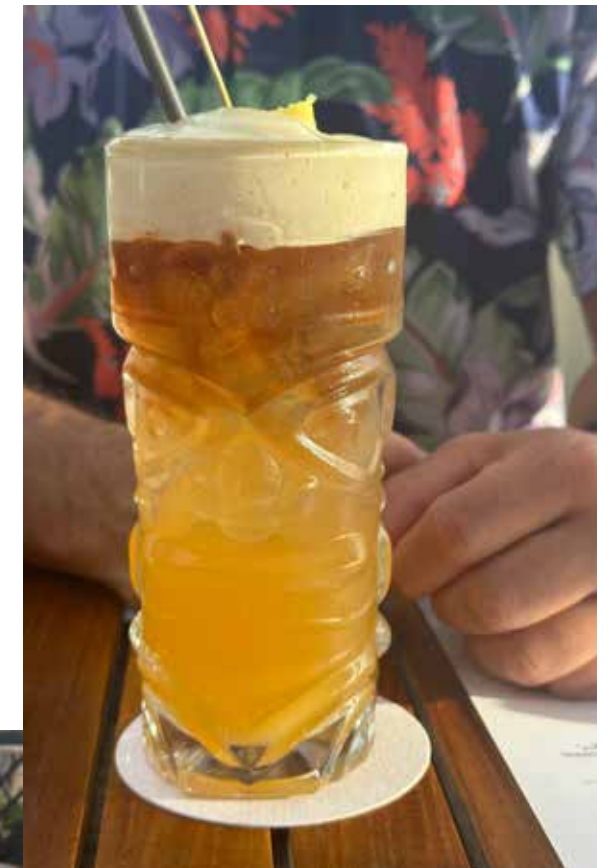
We flew Eagle-Vail to Denver to San Francisco before finally landing in Maui. After a memorable season on the slopes here in Colorado, we were more than ready to embrace the warm sands and turquoise waters that Maui had to offer. Our seamless travel experience allowed us to trade our skis for bodyboards, setting the stage for a well-deserved escape to paradise.

Due to recent devastating wildfires, access to historic Lahaina, nearby hiking trails and parks remains limited. Consequently, we chose to stay in Kihei. The community is still deeply impacted by the wildfires, which have also significantly reduced tourism on Maui. During our stay, we encountered locals who expressed gratitude for our visit, as they are facing economic challenges.

While Hawaii is stunning year-round, we were fortunate to visit during May, one of the best times of the year. The island was adorned with abundant plumerias and hibiscus blooms, transforming it into a lush tropical paradise. Transitioning from a winter wonderland to this heavenly environment was truly a sight to behold.

## Day 0: Arrival in Maui

After collecting our bags and picking up our rental car from Sixt, we made a beeline for some real



food. We were pleasantly surprised by the delicious and reasonably priced meal. Oscar and I both enjoyed chicken pad thai, accompanied by refreshing lychee. After a long day of travel and arriving on a late flight, it was time to head to our vacation rental. We called it a night, excited for our first sunrise in Maui.

## Day 1: Kicking Off Our Vacation in Kihei

We made a stop at ABC for sunscreen and ube tapioca before exploring the town and visiting the Kihei craft fair and flea market. We were very amused by the groups of chickens running around with their baby chicks. The occasional rooster crow never got old during this trip. Taking a break from the heat, we stopped for mai tai's at Life's a Beach. We decided for this no-plans trip, we would take the detours, and this was a good one. On our way back to our vacation rental, we explored the Kamaole Beach Park trail. Taking in a beautiful sunset before heading to Coconuts for dinner. Having heard about their fish tacos so much, we had to try them for ourselves. We walked home happy and full! They didn't disappoint and were very generous with the servings.

## Day 2: Taking in the Wailea Farmer's Market and Honeymoon Beach

While still on mountain time we made the most of our morning by grabbing cinnamon rolls from Maui's renowned



cinnamon roll shop. Afterwards, we noticed the Wailea farmer's market, where artisans showcased their talents, from jewelry designers to tiki carvers, woven Hawaiian palm hats, and traditional Hawaiian shirts. We walked around looking at different shops before deciding it was time to get out of the heat, time to hit the beach! We spent the rest of our day at Honeymoon Beach, at Makena State Park, which is a local surf spot, surrounded by volcanic coves with tide pools to explore. Arriving early with a cooler, we soaked in the sun, ocean breeze and watched surfers tackle their waves.

## Day 3: A Day for Botanical Gardens and Beach Time

Up early again, we found ourselves at Maui Nui Botanical Gardens. A five-acre botanical garden located in the heart of Kahului, Maui. Unlike typical botanical gardens, Maui Nui Botanical Gardens specialize in showcasing native Hawaiian flora and Polynesian-introduced species. Many of these plants are endangered due to habitat loss, highlighting Hawaii's reputation as the "endangered species capital of the world". While it is not your typical botanical garden, it is still worth a visit, or as a short detour before your next beach stop!

Chang's Beach and South Po'olenalena quickly became our favorite spots. These local surf havens offer a welcoming atmosphere that's hard to leave, even after spending the entire day there. It's an ideal place to hone your body surfing skills and relax.



After our beach day, we were excited for our reservation at the Wailea Golf Club, Gather on Maui. Nestled amidst stunning island vistas, Gather offers open-air seating with spectacular views. Their mai tai was an instant favorite. We shared their fresh catch, halibut with pancit noodles and kung pao calamari. Everything was incredible! We jokingly asked for a bowl of the honey lilikoi foam, which was part of our mai tai. They brought it for us with our decadent hali'imaile pineapple upside down cake. It didn't go to waste!

**Day 4: Swimming with Turtles and Riding the Waves**

Each day we found ourselves returning to Chang's Beach and South Po'olenalena. These interconnected beaches are within close proximity to scuba spots with gentler surf. One particular day stood out as my favorite, dedicated entirely to enjoying the beach. We spent hours swimming alongside turtles, equipped with a cooler filled with water, sake, soju, and locally made poke. We practiced riding waves, on our body boards, and received helpful tips from friendly locals. During breaks, we watched families fish for dinner. Maui left a lasting impression, the profound respect shown for Hawaii and its wildlife was truly heartwarming.

When we finally pulled ourselves away from the beach, we found ourselves at the Kihei 4th Friday community party! We



stumbled upon this by chance while going out for dinner. 4th Friday is a massive party with live music, food trucks, 40+ vendors and everyone is invited. There was something there for everyone. Local bands and musicians performed with a backdrop of classic collector cars. It was a feast for the eyes and stomach. After walking around and picking up a few souvenirs, we stopped at the 50s style diner, Peggy Sue's. With classic malt shakes and a jukebox, it was like I was transported back to New Jersey.

**Day 5: Fresh and Fabulous Food**

Since we had dinner at the Kihei 4th Friday community party, we went to Nalu's for breakfast. The only problem is that everyone loves Nalu's so you need to be there early and expect a slight wait. However, the food is worth it! I

was blown away by how fresh our fruit salad was. Oscar ordered chicken and waffles while I had a ramen omelet that was phenomenal. Every meal or snack we tried in Hawaii was better than the next. I was never disappointed on this trip with what we found.

While incredibly full, we opted to walk around Kalama Village. A store caught my eye, Ocean Obsession. While we enjoyed looking through many of the shops in this "village", it is incredibly touristy. Buyers beware! You will see the same items in different shops for higher or lower prices. Not wanting to pass up the chance, we shared a shaved ice and headed home to cook dinner and pack. Not without first snagging some Hawaiian BBQ sauce to bring home.

**Final Thoughts**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to read about our Maui itinerary. We had so much fun on this trip and after such a long winter, it was an absolute pleasure to take some time to unwind on a beach. I know this style of trip isn't for everyone and we missed some locations but that's what future plane tickets are for. This is a truly special place and I want to thank everyone who recommended these wonderful spots to us because we truly had no idea what we were getting ourselves into. Specifically, my good friend Kirsten, she looked out for us; until next time... mahalo!



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# Like Father, Like Son: A Tale of Two Aces

Mark and Parker Lathrop celebrate the remarkable feat of a father-son duo's back-to-back holes-in-one

CONTRIBUTED BY MARK AND PARKER LATHROP, SINGLETREE RESIDENTS



After he had hit the ball, Christian said that the shot was “really good.” Mark made a light-hearted remark, “Yeah, it’ll probably go in the hole,” to which his son-in-law replied, “No, seriously, I think it actually did go in!” Hopeful but uncertain of the outcome, they drove up to the green.

As they approached the green, two men came running out of a nearby home, shouting, “It went in! It went in!” Mark, still in disbelief, walked over to the hole and was shocked to find his Titleist 1 nestled at the bottom of the cup. He was truly stunned! This was his second career hole-in-one, but his first at Sonnenalp after nearly 30 years of playing the course.

### A Sign of Things to Come on Hole 2

Just two weeks later, on August 4, 2024, Mark nearly made another hole-in-one on the Sonnenalp Golf Course, this time on Hole 2. With the pin being located in the front right part of the green, Mark hit his tee shot, which struck the pin in the air, and almost dunked the ball in the cup for another hole-in-one. Parker was convinced that his father was going to get his third hole-in-one before he himself achieved his first one.

### What Are the Chances of Ever Hitting a Hole-in-One?

The odds of hitting a hole-in-one are slim—about 1 in 12,500 for an average golfer per National Golf Registry. This means that for every 12,500 times a golfer tees off on a par 3, it’s expected that there would be at least one hole-in-one. For golf professionals, the odds improve to 1 in 2,500, slightly better, but still very much a rare occurrence.

Many golfers never achieve a hole-in-one during their lifetime. But for Mark Lathrop and his son, Parker, lightning struck twice within just three weeks.

### Mark’s Stunning Shot

On July 20, 2024, while playing Hole 14 at the Sonnenalp Golf Course with his daughter Emma and son-in-law Christian Cambier, Mark took aim at the pin, which was tucked away at the back of the green. As his ball soared through the air, Mark watched hopefully but had no clear view of where it was rolling, although it seemed to be going directly towards the pin.

### Parker’s Ace

On August 10, 2024, at 7:10 AM, Mark and Parker teed off for another round. Parker’s start was rough, with a double bogey on the first hole, but he remained optimistic as he approached the second tee.

As the ball left his 8-iron, it was clear to him that the ball was on a perfect trajectory and tracking directly towards the pin. The ball landed on the front right part of the green, rolled steadily toward the hole, and disappeared into the cup. Parker yelled, “It went in!” and Mark, in disbelief, asked, “Did it really go in?” “Yes, it did!” Parker confirmed.

Celebrations ensued and Parker woke up Singletree residents with celebratory hoots and hollers at 7:25 in the morning. James Thomason, a resident nearby, had heard the ruckus and was convinced that someone was hit by a car.

Parker would not comment on the matter, as he could neither confirm or deny his actions immediately following his Ace.

Reflecting on the moment, Parker said, “While the athletic achievement is meaningful and still very surreal, it was awesome to be able to make a hole-in-one with my dad. He was the one who taught me how to golf and we have shared a lot of time on the golf course. It was a far more emotional event than I would have expected. Of course, you’re pumped up because you did what all golfers dream of, but for me, it was a very nostalgic reminder of all of the great memories I’ve had on the golf course.”

This summer has been unforgettable for the Lathrop’s. While their streak of luck on the golf course may have run out, the memories will last a lifetime. Who will be the next family to follow in their footsteps?





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This year marked the Second Annual Vail Edwards Rotary Club Community Potluck dinner featuring the theme, "Connecting Neighbors". The evening was filled with homemade food, decorated tables, creative costumes, high energy, and classic rock 'n roll performed by the local band, Rewind. Held in Riverwalk in Edwards, the crowd numbered about 100 people with costume themes representing a Tiki bar, board games and card games, western cowboys, and the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

"The Edwards Community Potluck idea came about last year as a way to bring the Edwards Community together to connect with neighbors, families, and businesses in a fun and casual way," said Linda Hill, communications chairperson and youth exchange officer for the Rotary Club. "The Vail Edwards Rotary Club hopes to continue this event for many years to come."

All proceeds from the Community Potluck dinner will go to supporting the Vail Edwards Rotary Club projects including youth scholarships and Rotary youth exchange, Teen Driving Education, support for local non-profits, and Rotary International programs focusing on literacy, education, clean water, and the eradication of polio.



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