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WELCOME TO DAWG BOWL XVI

Welcome to DAWG Bowl XVI. We are excited to have you join us for this premier event, with 56 teams, sled hockey, special hockey, over 80 hockey, and even a “DAWG Legends vs Paralympians” exhibition game! Please look at the schedule and make time to welcome our incredible athletes who have overcome cognitive, physical, and visual disabilities to participate in the DAWG Bowl. Make time to cheer them on and feel the love of being welcomed and included! Hockey is indeed for EVERYONE. This year, we are highlighting Driver Safety awareness! Be sure to attend the Survivor Game which will have a number of miracles whose lives have been altered but their spirit and drive have landed them back on the ice.

The DAWG Bowl features current and former professional players, NCAA champions, “off the charts” auction, food trucks, live music, smiles, fist bumps and the very best in humanity. Please join us as we witness amazing generosity at every turn and lift up those in need while celebrating the game we all love! From our current and former pro athletes, our beer leaguers, our disabled brethren, we are all united by a common cause of helping those in need.

We appreciate the many volunteers that donate hours of their time and our sponsors that generously make this all possible. With YOUR help, DAWG Nation is proud to have aided recipients and their families with over \$6.5M in assistance! DAWG Nation has traveled all over North America as well, and continues to expand. Equally important to the financial assistance is the emotional and community support we bring as a greater hockey community to our recipients. We are able to provide our recipients with financial assistance, community, experiences and keepsakes they will never forget, we ultimately work to create a cumulative message- there is hope, you are loved, and WE have your back.

Thank you for joining us!



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DAWG BOWL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Tournament Games 7:15 pm - 10:30 pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

Tournament Games 4:15 pm - 11:15 pm

Hockey in Heels 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Beer Tent

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

Tournament Games 8:00 am - 10:30 pm

Coffee Truck (no food)  8:00 am - 11:00 am

Special Hockey - Exhibition 4:40 pm - East Rink

Food Truck  5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Platinum - Denver Concrete vs. Mallards 6:50 pm - East Rink

Platinum - MW Top Dawgs vs. Prokop/Wolf 7:55 pm - East Rink

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Tournament Games 7:30 am - 10:50 pm

Coffee Truck (no food)  7:30 am - 11:00 am

Food Truck  8:00 am - 10:00 pm

Platinum - MW Top Dawgs vs. Denver Concrete 12:20 pm - East Rink

Live Music - Powerflushers 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Music Stage

Platinum - Prokop/Wolf vs. Mallards 1:25 pm - East Rink

Check Presentation 2:30 pm - East Rink

Survivor Game 2:30 pm - East Rink

Check Presentation 3:45 pm - East Rink



SATURDAY, JUNE 20 CONT.

Paralympians and DAWG Legends 4:20 pm - East Rink

Hot Dog Stand  5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Over 80 HOF vs Hockey Heals 5:25 pm - East Rink

SILENT AUCTION CLOSES!! 6:00 pm

SILENT AUCTION pick up 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Platinum - Prokop/Wolf vs. Denver Concrete 8:40 pm - East Rink

Platinum - MW Top Dawgs vs. Mallards 9:45 pm - East Rink

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Tournament Games 7:30 am - 5:00 pm

Coffee Truck (no food)  7:30 am - 11:00 am

Food Truck  8:00 am - 10:00 pm

Silent Auction pick up 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Hot Dog Stand  11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Championship Games

Platinum Division 1:05 pm - East Rink

Copper B Division 1:30 pm - West Rink

Women's Division 2:15 pm - East Rink

Silver Division 2:40 pm - West Rink

Copper A Division 3:25 pm - East Rink

Bronze A Division 3:50 pm - West Rink

Copper C Division 4:35 am - East Rink

Bronze B Division 5:00 pm - West Rink



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FROM THE DAWG BOWL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

The Dawg Bowl is a true charity hockey event. After operating expenses (i.e. ice time, etc.), the net proceeds from entry fees, food, our silent auction, sponsorships, and donations go into a fund to help hockey players and their families. The motto of the Dawg Nation Hockey Foundation is "Play Hard, Play Fair, Give Back". And we ask that you keep the spirit of that motto in mind as you play this weekend.

Enjoy our food, have a beer, and check out our many terrific online silent auction items. As always, remember that this event is for fun and will help change the lives of your fellow players.

TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

In the event there is a tie in game points at the end of preliminary play, the tie-breaker results shall be determined by the subsequent criteria, in the following order:

1. *The winner in head to head games played*
2. *Fewest goals against*
3. *Goal differential from tournament games played*
4. *Most goals scored*
5. *Fewest penalty minutes*
6. *Coin toss*
7. *Captains fight to the death*

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THE STORY OF THE SURVIVOR GAME

It started on the ice... doesn't it always! Two fierce competitors, a tight game, a few penalties... and an unlikely friendship was forged. With Danny Packard wrongly "screening" Steve Jouflas, the goalie, as the clock ticked down and the tension mounted. To say Steve wasn't happy would be putting it mildly. A strong "nudge" from one of Steve's teammates that sent Danny flying into the boards got the kid's attention, even if it wasn't clear as to why. After the game, the Dawgs team captain, Martin Richardson, also the Dawg Father to all of Dawg Nation, set Danny straight on the code of conduct and suggested Danny buy Steve a beer to make things right.

After an explanation and apology, the two players got to talking, really talking, and discovered they had something besides hockey in common, they were both cancer survivors! Sharing their journeys through the illness forged a bond, and formed an idea, to bring together those hockey players who, like them, had beaten the odds, and create a roster of survivors to play the game they all loved.

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MEET THE 2026 SURVIVOR GAME PLAYERS



Nathan Abelein

In mid-September of 2021, Nathan came down with COVID. He was hospitalized, put on a ventilator and induced into a coma for 60 days. During the first 20 days of his coma (during COVID quarantine) Nathan battled a number of complications including pseudomonas and a collapsed lung. Nathan's doctor called his wife (Merrelyn) on three different evenings to tell her that Nathan was not going to live through the night. Upon waking from his 60 day coma, Nathan could not move or feel anything below his neck. Months of rehab eventually let to moving his arms standing, and then walking. Today Nathan skating every week with our Hockey Heals program.



Spencer Allen

Spencer was diagnosed with an oligodendroglioma brain tumor when he was 15 years old. After his fourth surgery, chemo and radiation, he is loving life. He has worked as a ski patroller and white water raft guide in the Rocky Mountains for many years before graduating from DU Law School in 2015. He currently works as an environmental and natural resources lawyer in Denver. Although he loves all things outdoors, playing hockey twice a week keeps him sane.



Kyle Barrowcliff

Growing up in rural Pennsylvania, I didn't have opportunities to play hockey, but after moving to Colorado in 1996 I started playing roller hockey with a group of paramedics, we moved on to playing ice hockey a few years later and started the Denver Paramedics Hockey team. I was diagnosed in October 2023 with Stage 4 Squamous Cell Carcinoma of my tongue and metastasized to my neck. I had surgery to remove one-third of the base of my tongue and 98 lymph nodes removed. I then went on to have 6 weeks of radiation and chemotherapy. I'm now cancer free since March of 2024. I could not have made it through this without my amazing wife and 2 boy's, as well as Dawg Nation. Marty was right by our sides through the entire process

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Tim Bennett

Tim was diagnosed with testicular cancer in December 2010 and underwent surgery the same day. The first question Tim asked the doctors after surgery was how soon he could play hockey again. Shortly thereafter, Tim was back at it and enjoying life again. Unfortunately, since then he has had three recurrences, most recently in 2016. Throughout these years, he has undergone chemotherapy and numerous surgeries. Tim retired from the U.S. Army in 2022 after an illustrious 22.5 year career. As with any team, Tim continues to win with a great team of doctors, surgeons, and most importantly his wife Ashley, who has gotten Tim back in hockey shape after each procedure. In 2021 they added to the team welcoming Brynnlee to the family, a future hockey player for sure!



Dan Bitondo

Dan is a 23 year survivor of Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He went through six months of Chemo and has been cancer free ever since! The FIRST thing he did when the doctor cleared him was to get back on the ice. Says he was 40 lbs overweight and out of shape after his treatment. "Hockey got me back into shape and I continue to skate every week!"

Motto/Advice: If you are diagnosed with cancer, try to keep a positive outlook, have faith in your doctors and modern medicine and you can win!



Matt Bitter

Matt moved to Colorado in 2005 from Illinois. Matt started playing hockey at 17 and has had a large impact on the sport in Colorado as he coached in Arvada for eight years and has been a referee for eight years. While playing in a game in late 2023, Matt started to not feel well while on the bench. After the game in the locker room, he passed out. Matt was having a heart attack. He woke up the next day and

needed to have a stent put in his heart. But feeling better, Matt is back on the ice, playing and refereeing again.



Laura Bond

I didn't grow up playing sports. Instead, I was a classical violinist, intending to have a career in music. Instead, I pivoted to a career in software application deployment management. Our son, Gavin Stoick, played hockey from Portland, OR, to the Thunderbirds, 2 years for the NTDP & finally Cornell University. He enjoys playing in the Dawg Bowl Platinum Division. I thought I'd just pick up playing hockey(!) at age 50

when we moved to Colorado in 2011. My body hasn't kept up well, with a few major lower body surgeries, but I keep coming back & now I have 2 new knees! I'm fortunate to have survived an early diagnosis of breast cancer in 2015; I look forward to a few more years on the ice!

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Joe Bradley

Joe was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of prostate cancer and had to jump into treatment right away. He emptied his savings account to deal with the invasive procedures quietly with just his immediate family aware of the condition. A father of 3, Joe maintained his "normal" lifestyle as much as he could in order not to strike fear in those close to him. Over 1 1/2 years later, Joe is fully recovered and

imposing his will on flashy, quick handed hockey protégés as he always has. With a fresh new outlook after a cancer scare, he reflects on the new priorities in his life... 2:00 minutes at a time in the penalty box.



Greg Bronson

Growing up in Canada, Greg has been playing hockey since he was a toddler. He says you can't tell by the way he skates, but he really enjoys it. Greg feels very blessed to have recovered from prostate cancer ten years ago. He looks forward to playing in the Survivor's Game and the Dawg Nation tournament every year, but mostly the camaraderie with a bunch of great people. Albuquerque is currently home for

Greg, where he plays in Joe Hanson's NM Hockey League once a week. As Captain of the New Mexico Moose, Greg is excited to bring a team each year and play in one of the best organized hockey tournaments around. Go Moose Go!



Dave Carr

In 2020, Dave was driving when another driver crossed the center line and collided head-on with his car. Dave suffered multiple fractures to his sternum, ribs, pelvis, and right lower leg. He underwent four surgeries in three days, spent six days in ICU, and six more days in the hospital before coming home in a wheelchair. After months of healing and rehabilitation Dave was able to get on the ice again. Dave

is thankful to the doctors and staff at CU Health, the myriad therapists who worked with him, his hockey teammates on Tribal Rites and the Mustangs, and of course his family for their constant love, care, and encouragement. Dave is also so grateful for the support of Dawg Nation and once again looks forward to playing with the other survivors in the Survivor Game.



John Canavan

I have been playing as a member of the NM Moose in the Dawg Bowl for almost every year that the tournament has happened. Just before Thanksgiving 2024 I had an aortic dissection, which basically meant that the main artery coming out of my heart was tearing. I beat the odds and lived, and after a bit over one year I'm playing again and looking forward to the Dawg Bowl in June!

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Dave Chamberlin

David was diagnosed with prostate cancer in January 2008 and underwent radical prostatectomy in March of that year. With the support and encouragement of Dawg Nation, he recovered in time to climb a 18,600-foot mountain in Russia four months later in July 2008. Cancer scans since surgery have all been clean! Motto/Advice: Always think positively. If you think you can't, you won't; if you think you can, you will.



Mark Cooper

I have been playing hockey since I was 4 years old. Club hockey all the way to college, where I played at USIU. I have been a coach for 35 years and the last 16 years I have been at Monument Ice Rink. I have a life ending illness (cancer) and only have a few months to go, but I live every second of every minute. I am not a victim to cancer, and have never taken pain medication. I just want people to know, you can

live and not be a victim for whatever you have left. We are all going to have an end of life, it's what you do with what time you have left, sick or not! I worked in counter terrorism my entire life, with an agency and military. It was an honor to serve, and knowing how it would end, I would do it again. Thanks to Dawgg Nation and Marty for the great years of hockey and supporting the people in need!!



David Dain

David learned to play hockey growing up in Oswego NY and prior to having to step away from the game, had skated with the Old Dawgs, the Neighborhood Dawgs and the Rabid Dawgs. In April 2022, he was diagnosed with AL amyloidosis - a rare blood disease that disrupts the functionality of his heart, liver, and kidney. After diagnosis in April 2022, he underwent a six month treatment which has successfully reduced

production of the amyloid proteins and his focus now is on organ recovery and skating with Hockey Heals. David would like to thank his best advocate - his wife Judy - as well as his family, friends, and Dawg Nation for who they are and what they do.



Evan Davis

I have been playing hockey since I was about 5 years old. I was 28 years old when I was diagnosed with stage 1, grade 3, triple positive breast cancer which is very rare for males. I started chemo therapy the same day that the state of CO shut down for COVID-19. I completed chemo March 10th of 2021 and have had clean check-ups since.



James Dever

James is a long-time Colorado ice hockey referee who, at age 54, suffered a heart attack earlier this year, and underwent successful quadruple bypass surgery. He is well on his way to a full recovery, but has not been able work since the heart attack, a major financial impact for him and his family. James has referred at the Dawg Bowl for many years, and Dawg Nation was honored to assist such a special man and

valued member of the Colorado Ice Hockey Referees Association, and we look forward to having him on the ice with us in the 2026.



Patrick Donnelly

Patrick was diagnosed with Congestive Heart Failure, Cardiomyopathy, in 2011 when he was 22 years old. Through medications, he regained enough heart function to continue working, but again in 2019 Patrick fell back into heart failure, and this time his heart was damaged beyond repair and would require a transplant. After months of barely hanging on in the Cardiac ICU at UCHHealth, doctors eventually approved the implant of a Left Ventricle Assist Device (LVAD) in order to help buy

enough time to regain the strength needed should a new heart become available. After two years waiting on the Transplant list, Patrick decided he was going to skate again as hockey was his life growing up. With the support of Dawg Nation and the inspiration of new friends like Nigel Richardson and Van Stone, even the toughest times could be confused with the best of times. In April, 2023 the best of times arrived in full splendor and Patrick received a new heart!



Adam Dowling

Adam grew up playing hockey in St. Louis, lacing up his skates at the age of seven. He went on to attend Lindenwood University, where he played on the roller hockey team for five years and helped lead the team to four national championships. In early 2022, Adam was diagnosed with a brain tumor located in an area that makes it inoperable. Since then, he has undergone two biopsy craniotomies, proton radiation, and chemotherapy. The treatments led to hemiplegia

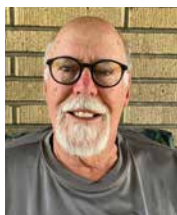
on his left side, which he's worked tirelessly to overcome through intense rehabilitation—all with the goal of getting back on the ice. Against the odds, Adam's tumor has begun to shrink following treatment, defying expectations from his oncology team. His determination and love for the game continue to drive his recovery.



Nick Fioretto

I grew up in northern Illinois and was raised by my grandparents, who I later cared for before my grandma before they passed of cancer. I moved here for hockey and school at CSU after working in banking and commercial lending, played in the MVHL, and coached youth hockey at DU. In August 2024, I was diagnosed with T-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia and was told I had a week to live due to a softball-sized mass on my chest. Now, I'm a year and five months into

remission and still coaching at DU — the kids helped me get my spark back. I have 11 months of oral chemo left and hope to keep working in hockey while starting a foundation to help blood cancer patients through the long treatment process. I'm forever grateful to Dawg Nation and the hockey community for helping me survive this journey.



Richard Forman

Richards was a youth coach for 30 years at Arvada Hockey Association. He is a survivor of prostate cancer. Following external beam radiation therapy, visits to his acupuncturist, Chinese medicine, and redesigning his diet, he remains cancer free today. Richard knows he couldn't have done it without the help of his wonderful wife Carol. Motto/Advice: Battling cancer or adversity in life is by no means a death sentence. With a positive attitude and a good support system,

anyone can beat it.



Siena Garaffa

Siena was in a roll-over car accident on 5/25/2024 when a freak rainstorm produced considerable standing water on i-70. Her truck hydroplaned, and she was ejected 80 feet from the vehicle. Siena was in ICU at UC Health for 2 months, and Craig Rehab Hospital 4 months. She was in a coma for almost 8 weeks, and suffered disordered consciousness for months. Initially she was not expected to live, let alone walk, talk, eat or breathe on her own, but she has defied

all of the odds. She quickly recovered from a broken femur, broken jaw, facial and cervical spine fractures, and other "easy injuries" for a hockey player to recover from. However, her head injuries have resulted in longer term issues under the scope of Traumatic Brain Injury. She continues to recover daily and is thrilled to be playing hockey, riding her dirt bike, and surfing. Before her accident, Siena was playing AAA Hockey with Team Colorado, and was planning to attend Northwood School in Lake Placid, NY playing on the 1980's Olympic Ice. She is very excited to play with DAWG nation in the survivor game for her first time! Let's GOOOO 2-2!



Andy Gerrie

Diagnosed with colon cancer in April of 2007, Andy had surgery and six months of chemotherapy to fight it. Despite this he had a recurrence in his lung in December of 2010. He had surgery to remove the tumor and six more months of chemotherapy. His family and teammates are celebrating that he's had no visible signs of recurrence since then, though still checking every six months. Motto/Advice: Happiness is a choice. We all get to make that choice every day,

every hour, every minute.



Dennis Heaton

Dennis has survived two medical issues in the last 15 years. First, after a hockey injury he required eight surgeries to save his leg. He no longer plays hockey but is very happy to still have his leg. Second, Dennis was in a car accident in 2022 that resulted in a fractured neck. He was lucky to not only be alive, but also not to be paralyzed. After a month in the hospital he began his rehab journey and was fortunate to make a full recovery. Family and friends continue to play a huge support role in Dennis' life.



Kim Hermberg

Kim struggled with treatment-resistant major depression, suicidal ideation, and self-injury throughout her life. The most recent bout of depression started in 2013 and was a decade-long challenge fighting the darkness depression brings. Getting help and the road to healing has involved inpatient treatment, a residential program, many different types of therapy, and a lot of determination to stay safe and find

healing. At the beginning of this bout of depression, she found hockey. She is grateful for the support of many teammates, friends, and the hockey community on and off the ice. They've all helped her heal and get to a better place.



Sebastian Hitzig

Sebastian has played hockey since he was 13. At 23 years old he stepped on a toothpick causing a massive infection which ended up in his heart, and 8 months later contracted bacterial endocarditis. During 93 days in the hospital had a 14-hour open heart surgery to replace his heart valve, two strokes, and the insertion of a pacemaker. One year later, he suffered a sudden cardiac arrest, was revived, and at a local

hospital he was given an Automated Internal Defibrillator. He would later have a second open heart surgery when the first valve gave out. After 180 days, he received the gift of a heart from a donor on January 4th, 2019. He was finally given the chance to rebuild his body and feels honored to be a part of DAWG nation where he can comfortably play again with those who know what it's like to "battle it out" on the ice as well as in real life.



Dan Hohenstein

In addition to five surgeries for skin cancer, in 2011 Dan was hit and crushed by an SUV while standing beside his mail truck. The collision snapped his femur in half, shattered his lower leg, and crushed his knee, in addition to major internal injuries. Still, he says it was the luckiest day of his life in that he is grateful to have a second chance. Motto/Advice: Just remember that there is always somebody that is in a worse

situation than you. Never give up! Whenever you have a chance to help somebody else less fortunate, make sure you help them. and aware of the gift that life truly is. Motto/advice: This quoted from Victor Frankl sums it up beautifully "Everything can be taken from a man or woman but one thing, the last of human freedoms, to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way."

Despite developing Crohn's Disease and chronic dehydration in his new J Pouch, which requires ongoing weekly treatments, Tony has persevered and continues to actively participate in hockey. Additionally, he selflessly contributes to the community through his involvement with DAWG Nation St. Louis.



Nick Jordan

TI played highschool hockey in maine before joining the Army. I served 5 and a half years as a paratrooper before being struck by car while riding my motorcycle in 2020. I spent a week in the ICU, a week or so in general care and then a final week in the inpatient physical and occupational therapy clinic at UNC Chapel hill. Due to an acquired limb length discrepancy I couldn't do much physical activity and

recovered with family here in colorado until that was corrected nearly 5 years after the initial accident in 2025. Being able to get back on the ice has been a blessing to return to a life I had thought was over.



Guy Kennedy

Guy grew up in Michigan, playing youth and adult league hockey. He has played hockey with the Dawgs and other teams in the Denver area over the years. He has coached his 3 sons in youth hockey over the past 15 years. Guy was diagnosed with Stage IV tonsillar cancer just before Christmas 2014, underwent aggressive chemo/radiation treatment, and continues to be cancer free. Guy and his family are

very grateful for the generous financial assistance and support from DNHF. Without the support of my hockey family/friends and amazing wife, I am not sure how I would have managed to achieve "survival status." The 2016 Survivor game was Guy's first time to suit up since his cancer diagnosis. Although I believe that cancer changes people, I like to think that I lived my life before cancer, the same way I do after cancer.



Aiden Kirby

Aiden's passion for hockey took root in Arizona. In 2010, he moved to Colorado and continued to play competitively. Everything changed after sustaining a serious back injury during a game. To everyone's shock, in addition to the injury, scans revealed a tumor. Driven by the love for the game, he returned to the ice. He was diagnosed with cancer again in 2019, and after a victorious battle, he was happily

enjoying life when, in 2023, he was jumped, leaving a Pride Fest event. Following the attack, Aiden struggled with major depression and anxiety, turning to alcohol to cope. Struggling to find his way out, he sought out therapy and was invited to skate with the Hockey Heals group. Today, Aiden has been cancer-free for 5 years, is pursuing a degree to help others, and has recently married his best friend. The unwavering support from hockey teammates and family carried him through the toughest moments. He'll always be grateful for the strength they helped him find when he needed it most. Hockey does heal!



Taylor Ludy

Taylor is a goalie and Wisconsin native who has been on skates since he was 3 years old. He moved to Colorado in 2016 and became heavily involved in the Denver area men's hockey leagues. During a game in April of 2024, an opposing player crashed the net skate first and cut through Taylor's left leg, fully severing his quadricep muscle. After two surgeries and a week in the hospital, he was able to make a full recovery and return back to the ice. He is very thankful for the support of Dawg Nation and the Colorado hockey community.



John Matthew III

John started playing hockey as an adult. Seven and a half years ago he went bicycling on a paved path. At 5 MPH, he caught a crack and flipped over landing on his head and breaking his neck. This paralyzed him from the neck down. Five days in the ICU, surgery, and two weeks in Acute Rehab got him back on his feet along with the support from his mother and countless friends. Sporting a new neck and chest brace

for over two months, he worked on walking and recovery. Rapidly, recovery was displaying gains each week. Four and a half months later he skated again. John is very thankful for all the help and support he has had that made it possible to recover so well.



Matt Martinez

Matt is the proud father of two boys and owner of M-MD Electric. He is also both a living organ donor and a Dawg Nation recipient. In 2017 Matt donated one of his kidneys to Dawg Nation recipient Dave Repsher who had been burned over 90% of his body as a result of a Flight for Life helicopter accident. Dave's treatments cause him to lose kidney function, leading to Matt's decision to donate. Life often comes full circle, and in 2018 Matt himself needed to have an O.A.T.S knee procedure done using cadaver cartilage which came from a deceased young man. As quoted by a surgeon for kidney donation: There is no better medicine than the ones we choose to donate via alive or at death to help people become healthy again.



Mike McLean

Mike is a life long hockey player and the rink has always been his happy place. In June of 2021, Mike had a visit from the "widow maker" when he suffered a massive heart attack. This type of heart attack has a mortality rate of 97%, so to say Mike is lucky to be alive is a gross understatement. With Mike's two main arteries 100% blocked, he had essentially passed away before being brought back to life with God's hands, also known as the "paddles"! After spending several days in the ICU, he was slowly brought out of the induced coma, as it was unclear how long Mike went without oxygen. Today Mike is thriving and once again patrolling the ice while feeling thankful for everyday!



Hillary McNeish

Hilary was diagnosed with Stage 4 Ovarian Cancer in March of 2023. Since then she has had numerous chemotherapies, a surgery and many hospital visits with complications stemming from cancer. Hockey and the DAWG tournament were always a huge part of Hilary's life, the Survivor Game being a personal favorite to watch. Never in her wildest dreams did she ever think she would be participating...three years in a row. Her hope is to regain the strength and energy to participate in Hockey Heals and soon get back to the game she loves. Thanks to the DAWG family for their incredible support!!!



Kevin Miller

Kevin Miller came down with Covid in mid-August 2021 and then with complications it turned into Covid-Pneumonia. After being vented twice and experiencing four ischemic strokes, a heart issue and near kidney failure, Kevin went to rehab to learn to walk and use his hands again. Having been around, playing and coaching hockey his entire life he used that and massive prayer and God's favor to come back to be nearly fully recovered. He has entered into his 54th year of playing the game he loves.

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Christina Montoya

Christina was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 27, developed skin cancer, and then discovered she had stage 4 endometriosis as well as cervical cancer which forced her to have a partial hysterectomy in 2010 and a cervicectomy in 2011. In 2013 she was diagnosed with Hashimoto's, in the spring of 2014 was diagnosed with liver tumors, would need two more surgeries, in 2016 had two additional surgeries, and in March of 2017 she was diagnosed with liver tumors for the second time in three years causing fat infiltration of her liver. In 2017 she also added 2 more surgeries for a grand total of 19, but the rough news would come late in October when she was diagnosed with Stage 3 Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH), a morbid liver disease. Motto/Advice: Don't ever think you are defeated or have become less of who you are because of something that's happened to you. Take your experiences as lessons and see what you were learning during both your struggles and times of joy. Remember to do things in your life that come from your heart, for you will be overwhelmed with what comes back to you. And always be kinder than necessary to others... for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.



Christian Moreno

I was born in 2002 with a Transposition of the Great Arteries where my aorta and pulmonary artery were switched at birth. Days after being born, I was sent via a Flight for life to San Francisco, California where I had a life-saving heart surgery to repair my heart valves. In 2008, I was hit while playing mini hockey with my brother dislodged an unknown tumor in my liver. This tumor covered 75% of my liver and turned out to be a cancerous. I was listed on the transplant list in June of 2008 and received my first liver transplant in July of 2008. Complications due to damaged bile ducts caused numerous infections, and I was placed back on the transplant list in August of 2009. I received my second liver transplant on September 15, 2009, just 3 days before my seventh birthday.



Danny Packard

After graduating from CSU, Danny was diagnosed with advanced stage thyroid cancer. Four surgeries and multiple rounds of radiation did little to diminish his drive to be back in the game though, as he continued to show up as often as possible to cheer on his teammates, or on good days, play a bit on his line. He's quick to say that he's had amazing support all the way and that along with his wife and family, Dawg Nation has played a huge role in his recovery. Almost five years later now, and his cancer markers are the lowest ever! Motto/Advice: It's all about the people you surround yourself with. There's no better people than those you'll find in Dawg Nation!!

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Brian Peoples

Brian was born on Staten Island, NY and would later move to Darien CT where he started playing hockey. He would move to Colorado to go to CU and then became a builder and raised a family in Breckenridge. In 2019 Brian was diagnosed with throat cancer. In the fall of 2022, Brian suffered a hemorrhagic stroke and has been in the hospital and a live-in rehab facility down in the Lakewood area. Brian is a HUGE Avalanche fan, and during his hospital stay his wife Priscilla would have to tell him he has to “sit in the sin bin” for a while and not try to do too much too soon.



Nigel Richardson

Nigel's life forever changed on March 22, 2022 after suffering a LAD heart attack, also known as the “widow maker”. He was extremely fortunate as this type of heart attack has an 88% mortality rate, never mind someone that waits 12 hours to call the ambulance! Things were touch and go for several weeks and it was finally determined that Nigel would require a heart transplant to survive. On the transplant list for less than 24 hours, Nigel underwent transplant surgery on April 10, 2021 and was incredibly up and walking the next day!! Nigel is thankful for second chances and skates today in honor of his donor, living each day as if it were his last.



Tony Salazar

In 2016, a torn meniscus led to blood clots that ultimately caused a heart attack. Despite multiple surgeries and ongoing complications, my passion for hockey and positive outlook on life have never wavered. I am proud to be a part of Dawg Nation and grateful for the friendships it has brought me.



Keenan Samuelson

Keenan, 33, is a husband, father and hockey player. Growing up in Colorado, Keenan starred for Mountain Vista High School and continued to skate in the local rec leagues. In 2024, Keenan was diagnosed with stage 4 liver cancer. The original treatments were done primarily in California which led to months away from his family and the inability to continue working. He has a wife (Natalie) and 3 young children (Rowen - 9, Eva - 6, and Andreas - 4). Keenan is fighter and has huge support system rooting him on.



Sid Souleret

I was diagnosed with melanoma on my back which then progressed to my lymph nodes. I went on an aggressive bio-chemotherapy treatment – every day for a week followed by three weeks of recoup time for the next six months. This was in addition to surgery to remove the lymph nodes in my right arm. With the help and support of my wife Katie and my two daughters, I'm getting better every day. It has been five years since my last treatment. I've had CT scans every three months since and the last one was clean.



Dave Stevens

Dave sustained a head injury during an Over 40 hockey game when he fell awkwardly and hit his head on the goal post. After the game, his teammates realized that Dave was disoriented and in a lot of pain. Luckily an ambulance was called and Dave was rushed to the hospital, literally saving his life! It was determined that Dave had a bruised brain and bleeding, landing him in the ICU for two nights and the hospital for a week. Dave's triumphant return to the ice occurred on May 25th at the weekly Survivor skate hosted by Mike Freeman.



Craig Stinehour

In October of last year Craig went to the emergency room with abdominal pain where he was diagnosed with a ruptured intestine and Covid. After emergency surgery to remove the offending portion of his intestine an ostomy bag was installed and he spent multiple days in the hospital and several months of recovery. Thankfully he was able to get back on the ice as a referee and work some games prior to needing a second surgery in April of this year. After successful ostomy reversal surgery he has been released from his surgeon's care and has been given the go ahead to attempt to get back to what is his new normal. He is so thankful to Dawg Nation and the entire hockey community for helping him through such a difficult time for him and his family, including his 9 year old daughter.



Van Stone

Van married Nicole in 2002 and they had their daughter Elle in 2007. Van started playing hockey when he was just 5 yrs old. He caught the hockey bug and would continue to play for his hometown Littleton team, for Cherry Creek High School, Juniors, Lake Forest College, several adult leagues as well as coached. In December of 2018 Van fell down the household steps causing a Traumatic Brain Injury. After being in the ICU for a month at Littleton Hospital, Van was transferred to Craig Hospital for 6 months. Van was introduced to Dawg Nation Hockey in March of 2021 and his life would

never be the same again. Mike Freeman and Marty Richardson took Van under their wings and were determined to get him back on the ice. With the love and caring support of so many Dawg Survivors, Van was back on the ice on September 7th 2021, and he has never looked back. Van's Wednesday Warriors (Dawg Nation hockey Survivors and friends) have supported him on his journey and an amazing journey it is. Van and his family can never thank Dawg Nation Hockey enough and he is proud to be called a Survivor. .



Mike Sullivan

Sully is a Vietnam veteran and a longtime Dawg Nation ambassador and member of the Old Dawgs hockey team. On March 24th of 2020, Sully had what he thought was bronchitis, but when describing his condition to his doctor he was told to get to the emergency room. He was diagnosed with COVID-19 and his condition deteriorated to the point where he was sent to the ICU on March 26th. He celebrated his 77th birthday in the hospital and was finally released on April 8th making Sully our first COVID-19 Survivor. He is extremely grateful for the prayers and support he received from Dawg Nation, and in his words "I am so proud and thankful to be a part of Dawg Nation". We're proud to have you with us Sully!



Dave Topping

In February of 2014, I was being treated for vertigo and inner ear problems and an MRI found a tumor on the right side of my brain. My whole world changed. My friends, family, clients, and fellow officials were all that knew. They all had my back and gave me support. Before I knew it the tumor was out and I was recovering from surgery. I have always said "hockey cures everything". I was hoping that included brain

tumors. It's been a couple of years now and no bad MRIs. Life is Good. The most generous and helpful thing that has ever happened to me occurred when the Dawg Nation and my officiating organization CHIRA, gave me a check at the 2014 Dawg Bowl. It was a life preserver when I was drowning. Love and good health to everybody.



Dave Tscherpel

Dave has been playing hockey since he was little and throughout his life has played hockey in the Czech Republic, Spain, and Colorado. In September of 2020 he was diagnosed with T-Cell lymphoblastic Lymphoma. He was sidelined through COVID and Cancer recovery, and is excited for a triumphant return to the ice at the Dawg Bowl and the Survivor Game. He continues to battle health issues, and will be

forever grateful to have the entire Dawg Nation family cheering him on.



Dave Van Doren

David Van Doren born and raised in Denver. Had a stroke in 2019. Diagnosed with stage 4 carcinoma in throat January of 2024. Surgery to remove lymph nodes and cancer in March. Only missed 2 games during all this because my hockey family has always been there for me. Also a recovering alcoholic sober 4 and a half years. Lots of great mottos but my favorite is "Be nice".



Opie Wassberg

Opie has played goalie since 1973 at multiple levels, LHA, Arapahoe High School, Total Travel Junior, Men's Adult Check League, Organized Invitational Drop Ins, and CEO and Edge Over 40 League (since inception). His youngest son was getting married in 2009 and he noticed this large bean-shaped lump on his calf. "You should get that checked Dad!" Our primary physician thought it was a sebaceous cyst,

she took a biopsy of it, and that is when our journey really began. In order to have surgery to remove the leiomyosarcoma, other tests were needed. The doctors found an irregular heart beat, trigeminy, coronary artery blocked, requiring a stent, type 2 diabetes and high cholesterol. This was all followed up with double knee replacement, due to arthritis, with the finale of the flu, type 1 ketoacidosis without coma, pleural effusion, and necrotizing pneumonia. Opie says when you are really sick, you find out how good your support system is! He truly thanks his wife, Lori, Dawg Nation, EDOHL, and the rest of his Hockey family for all their support to make it to the "new normal" and allow him to continue to play the game he loves!



Paul Zancanelli IV and V

Hockey has been a huge part of the Zancanelli family since the Avs came to town in 1995. Paul IV played adult hockey for 20 years and coached youth hockey for Hyland Hills Jaguars for 10 years. Coaching allowed Paul to enjoy hockey together with his son, Paul V, who is a recipient of Dawg Nation after getting a TBI in a car accident. Paul IV was diagnosed in 2021 with Young Onset Parkinsons Disease at

the age of 49 after having movement disorders and loss of smell. The progression of this disease has made playing hockey and many normal daily tasks very challenging at times. Medications help but cycle up and down every few hours. Getting to play in the Survivor Game is truly an honor and a blessing to be able to get back on the ice together with an amazing hockey community!

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DAVE CARR



On June 5, 2020, Dave Carr's life changed in an instant. What began as a day filled with excitement to spend the evening with Barb, the love of his life, turned into a fight for survival when a car crossed into his lane and struck him head on. Dave was left critically injured, trapped in his vehicle and struggling to breathe. In that moment of uncertainty, he did what would come to define his journey. He prayed.

What happened next was nothing short of remarkable. Strongman champion Brian Shaw came upon the crash and immediately recognized the severity of the situation. With incredible strength and urgency, he tore the door off the wrecked car and freed Dave, saving his life just moments before first responders arrived. Dave was airlifted to the hospital and began a long and difficult road to recovery.

Throughout every step, Barb stood by his side. The process was filled with setbacks, milestones, frustration, and hope, but above all, it was filled with

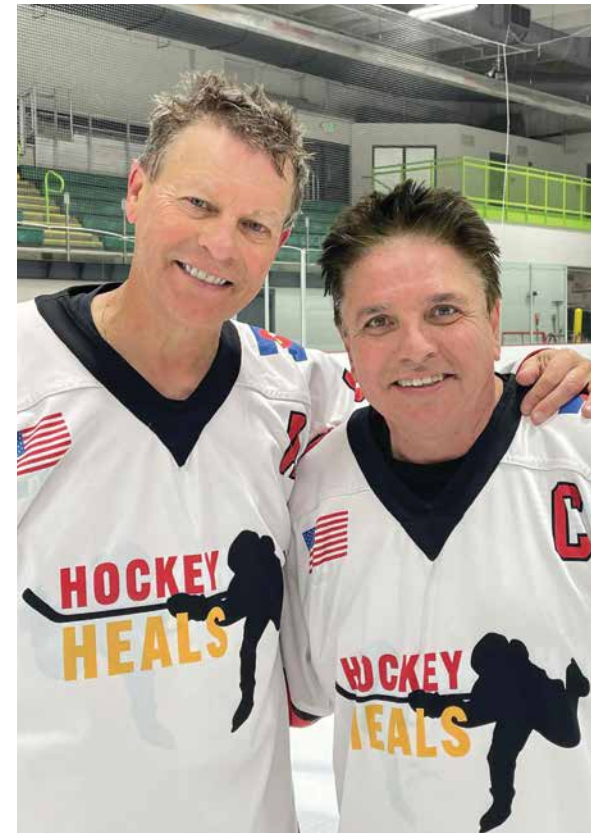
love. Just weeks after the accident, Dave attended Dawg Bowl X, where he was surprised with an outpouring of support from the hockey community. The generosity and compassion left a lasting impact. As Dave shared, he has always believed people lead with their hearts, but he never imagined that so much of that love would be directed toward him.

As Dave healed, he found his way back to the rink in a new and meaningful way. What began as a small effort to help a friend return to the ice grew into Hockey Heals, a weekly skate built on connection, support, and shared strength. Dave stepped into a leadership role and has become a constant presence, making sure everyone feels welcomed and valued.

Since moving to Denver in 2007, Dave has been a respected member of the hockey community. Known for his humility, sportsmanship, and team first mentality, he built lasting friendships through teams like Tribal Rites and the Colorado Mustangs. He has always been someone others can count on.

Today, Dave's impact extends far beyond the game. Hockey Heals continues to grow, bringing together individuals who carry stories of resilience, perseverance, and hope. Dave often speaks about having a front row seat to these journeys, but he is now a central part of them.

Dave Carr is more than a survivor. He is a leader, a friend, and a reminder of the power of second chances and community.



TEAM USA PARALYMPIANS



Declan Farmer

Born a bilateral amputee (one above the knee, one below the knee), Declan is the most decorated sled player in the history of the sport. This four-time Paralympic Gold Medalist is the all-time leader in goals, assists, and points. Declan, a graduate of

Princeton University, has been recognized on many occasions, including an ESPY and the coveted Bob Johnson Award.



Malik Jones

Malik was born without tibia bones and had his legs amputated above the knee at 10 months old. Malik was also born with only 3 fingers on each hand. Despite that, he has been a member of the USA Paralympic team for 4 years, two-time Paralympic

Gold Medalist, one-time Paralympic champion, one-time world champion, and a back-to-back national champion for the Colorado Avalanche A team. Malik is also venturing outside of hockey a bit as he finished a 3-mile hand cycle ride for Colorado sled hockey.

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MAINLINE WEST TOP DAWGS



Barry Goers

Barry Goers is from Ivyland, Pennsylvania. Goers has been the captain of the Top Dawgs for the past few years in the Dawg Bowl. He played college hockey at UMass-Lowell before spending time in the East Coast Hockey League and the American Hockey League playing four seasons with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins. Goers also made a quick appearance with the Denver Cutthroats. Lastly, he was a contestant on the show American Ninja Warrior.



Jan Heja

Jan Heja is a former NHL defenseman and longtime supporter of Dawg Nation. Over a nine-year NHL career, he appeared in more than 600 games and was known as a reliable shutdown defender and leader on the ice. Since retiring, Jan has dedicated his time to coaching and developing the next generation of players, while continuing to stay connected to the hockey community in meaningful ways. A valued member of the Dawg Nation family, Jan returns again this year to skate with the MainLine West Top Dawgs. His experience, leadership, and commitment to giving back make him an incredible part of what Dawg Bowl is all about.



Evan Cowley

Playing youth hockey in Arvada, Evan Cowley would go on to play at the University of Denver, where he would win the National Championship in 2017. After college Evan played a bit in the AHL and ECHL before heading overseas to continue his career. He played in Poland, Denmark, Slovakia, France, and the next season in Italy.



Alec Whipple

Alec Whipple is a defenseman for the University of Denver and this summer's Dawg Nation intern. While competing at the NCAA Division I level, Alec balances academics, hockey, and his commitment to serve through the Army ROTC program, with plans to join the military after graduation. Now joining Dawg Nation both on and off the ice, Alec brings discipline, leadership, and a team-first mindset to everything he does. As a member of the MainLine West Top Dawgs, he will help support operations behind the scenes while competing during Dawg Bowl XVI. Alec embodies what Dawg Nation stands for — hard work, service, and giving back.

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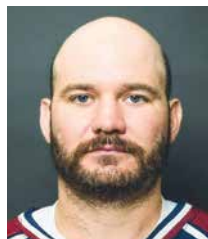


Noah Prokop

Noah Prokop is a former professional hockey player who competed in the ECHL after a successful NCAA Division I career. Known for his physical style and defensive reliability, Noah built his game around hard work, discipline, and team play. Off the ice, Noah has transitioned into the world of real estate and finance, bringing that same focus and determination to his professional career. Now skating with the Prokop-Wolf team at Dawg Bowl XVI, Noah continues to stay involved in the game while supporting the Dawg Nation mission. His commitment to community and giving back reflects exactly what this event is all about.



DENVER CONCRETE



Tyler Poulsen

Tyler Poulsen is a professional forward with the Tulsa Oilers in the ECHL, known for his relentless work ethic and high-energy style of play. A Colorado native, Tyler has built his career through perseverance, earning recognition for his "Never Give Up" mentality and consistent leadership. On the ice, he brings intensity and grit. Off the ice, he represents the values that define the hockey community. Playing with Denver Concrete at Dawg Bowl XVI, Tyler continues to give back through the game that shaped him. His passion and dedication make him a perfect fit for the Dawg Nation mission.



MALLARDS



Landon Smith

From Greenwood Village, Colorado, Landon Smith spent four seasons at Quinnipiac University. While with the Bobcats, Landon tallied over 100 career points. In 2016, Landon scored the game-winning against Boston College to send Quinnipiac to their second national championship appearance at the time. Now Landon is the owner and operator of Mallards Hockey where he is spreading joy of playing the game people love throughout the Colorado hockey community.



LEGEND DAWGS



Milan Hejduk

Milan is considered one of the greatest Avalanche players ever. The Czech native holds the record for the most games (1,020) ever played in an Avs jersey. He also is one of six players with their respective numbers hanging in the Ball Arena rafters. Milan had an incredible career that included an Olympic gold medal, a Stanley Cup, a Rocket Richard Trophy and a Silver Stick.



Peter Sejna

Born in Slovakia, Peter was a standout forward at Colorado College, garnering the WCHA Player of the Year honors and being awarded the coveted Hobey Barker Award. He also won the bronze medal at the 1999 World Juniors while representing his home country of Slovakia. Peter played parts of four seasons in the NHL and another eight years

in Switzerland.



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PAUL ZANCANELLI



Paul Zancanelli has loved hockey since he first stepped onto the ice at just four years old. From his early days with the Hyland Hills Jaguars to his time playing high school hockey and into adulthood, the game has always been a central part of his life. Whether skating out or stepping into the net, Paul's passion for hockey has never wavered.

On March 16, 2023, everything changed. Just days before a tournament, Paul was involved in a serious car accident and suffered a traumatic brain injury. He was not expected to survive, and early outlooks for recovery were incredibly uncertain. What followed was a long and difficult journey through intensive care, hospitalization, and months of rehabilitation.

Paul has since exceeded every expectation placed in front of him. Through determination and relentless effort, he continues to relearn daily life skills while working toward greater independence. His recovery is ongoing, and while he still requires assistance, his strength and perseverance remain remarkable.

A powerful milestone came when Paul returned to the ice for the first time since his accident, surrounded by friends, teammates, and fellow survivors. It was a moment filled with support, belief, and hope.

Paul's journey is far from over, but his love for hockey and the community around him continues to carry him forward every day.

DAN HOHENSTEIN

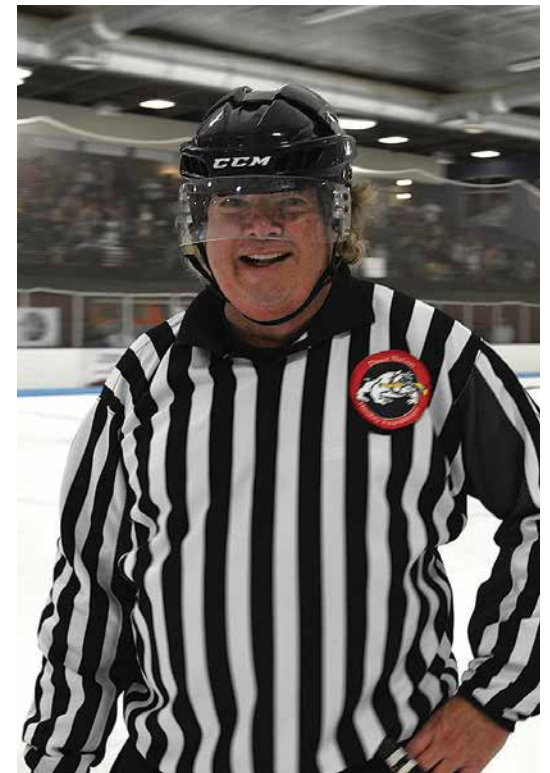
Dan Hohnenstein, known as Hoagie throughout the hockey community, has dedicated much of his life to serving others. A longtime United States Postal Service employee, Dan spent decades delivering mail while also giving back to the game of hockey as a referee and official.

In 2011, his life changed when he was struck by a vehicle while working his route. The accident caused severe injuries to his legs and led to multiple surgeries and a long recovery. It was a difficult journey that tested both his strength and resilience.

Through it all, Dan remained determined. With support from his family and the hockey community, he worked to regain his independence. In a powerful show of support, Dawg Nation and referees from donated their game fees and raised funds to help with his medical expenses at the very first Dawg Bowl in 2011.

Dan eventually returned to work and has continued to give back to his community. While his injuries limited his ability to referee, his connection to the game remains strong.

Beyond hockey, Dan has spent years volunteering and helping others in his community. He is a quiet example of perseverance, dedication, and heart. Dan has been part of Dawg Nation since day 1 and continues to be an integral part of our community moving forward.



CODY BEEKMAN



Cody Beekman's journey is one of resilience, determination, and a deep love for hockey. In 2011, his life changed when the car he was riding in was struck by a drunk driver, leaving him paralyzed from the chest down. In an instant, everything looked different, but Cody faced the road ahead with strength.

Dawg Nation quickly rallied around Cody and

his family. In one of the organization's most meaningful efforts, volunteers transformed his home to meet his needs, building ramps, widening doorways, and creating accessible spaces. Support also included a wheelchair accessible vehicle, help with medical bills, and ongoing rehabilitation.

Cody has continued to push forward with determination. He pursued his education at Metro State University and found a passion for storytelling, bringing his voice to the hockey community in a way that is honest and impactful.

Today, Cody hosts the podcast *On the Bench with Beeks*, where he celebrates the many ways people connect through hockey. The show highlights unique stories across the hockey world and reflects Cody's ability to bring people together.

Cody's journey has had challenges, but his spirit has never wavered. He remains a valued part of Dawg Nation and an inspiration to everyone around him.

ASHTON STEPHENSON

Ashton Stephenson has always loved hockey. Growing up on the ice, the game was a central part of his life. That made everything even more difficult when a serious car accident left him with significant injuries and paralysis from the chest down.

Despite the challenges, Ashton has faced his new reality with strength and determination. Surrounded by family, friends, and the hockey community, he continues to move forward with a positive outlook that inspires those around him.

Dawg Nation and members of the hockey community came together to support Ashton and his family, providing encouragement and financial support during an incredibly difficult time. In a powerful moment surrounded by love, Ashton was shown just how many people were standing behind him.

Not long after, Ashton returned to the ice and tried sled hockey for the first time alongside his dad and a close friend. That moment marked the start of a new chapter. His passion for the game has not changed, it has simply found a new path.

Today, Ashton is an active sled hockey player and continues to pursue the sport he loves. His journey is a powerful reminder that strength, community, and determination can carry us forward.



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On January 29, tragedy struck the Santa Clarita Lady Flyers as a multi vehicle crash on Interstate 70 changed lives in an instant. The team was traveling to Littleton for a tournament when their van was hit, resulting in the loss of a devoted team parent and serious injuries to several others. In a moment, a hockey journey turned into heartbreak.

The impact has been felt far beyond that highway. Families, teammates, and an entire community have come together to support one another through grief, recovery, and uncertainty. The emotional and physical toll is immense, but so too is the strength of the hockey family surrounding them.

In the face of unimaginable loss, the Lady Flyers showed incredible courage. Just days after the accident, the team took the ice. Supported by players, families, and fans from across the tournament, they were met with a moment of silence, a rink full of encouragement, and a powerful reminder that hockey is more than a game. It is a community.

Dawg Nation is proud to stand with the Santa Clarita families during this difficult time. Through your generosity, we are helping ease medical and financial burdens so these families can focus on healing.

When one team hurts, the hockey world comes together. The Santa Clarita Lady Flyers remind us all what strength, unity, and love truly look like.



DECLAN FARMER



Declan Farmer is widely regarded as one of the greatest players in the history of sled hockey, but his impact goes far beyond the game. A four-time Paralympic gold medalist and record setting member of Team USA, Declan has helped define one of the most dominant eras in international competition.

Born a bilateral amputee, Declan began competing with the national team at just 14 years old. Since then, he has rewritten the record books, becoming Team USA's all-time leader in goals, assists, and points. His performance on the world stage has earned him recognition as one of the most accomplished athletes in the sport.

While his success on the ice is remarkable, it is who Declan is off the ice that makes him truly special. Since moving to Colorado, he has become a passionate supporter of the Dawg Nation community. From participating in events to showing up for Hockey Heals skates, Declan has embraced the opportunity to connect with and inspire others.

He understands the importance of giving back and uses his platform to uplift those facing their own challenges. Whether sharing the ice with young players or supporting families in need, Declan leads with humility, compassion, and purpose.

Declan Farmer represents the very best of hockey. Excellence, leadership, and a commitment to making others better.

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HOCKEY HEALS PROGRAM



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What started with one story has grown into a weekly community that continues to change lives. After a serious accident left Van Stone with a traumatic brain injury, returning to the ice once felt impossible. But through encouragement, support, and a willingness to try, Van laced up his skates again. Today, he is a regular part of the Hockey Heals family, bringing energy, laughter, and inspiration to everyone around him.

Every Wednesday morning, individuals recovering from injuries, illnesses, and other life changing events come together at the rink. For one hour, they have an opportunity to skate, connect, and simply enjoy being part of something bigger than themselves.

Hockey Heals provides physical, emotional, and spiritual support in a space built on encouragement and understanding. It is not about skill level or competition, it is about showing up, supporting one another, and rediscovering the joy of the game.

In a world full of uncertainty, Hockey Heals is a reminder that we are never alone.

JAY SHARRERS OFFICIATING SCHOOL

We are excited to announce that Jay Sharrer's Officiating School is now an official program of DAWG Hockey Foundation. This is more than a training camp, it is an opportunity to develop the next generation of hockey officials while making a lasting impact on the future of the game.

Led by Jay Sharrers, the first Black referee and linesperson in National Hockey League history, the three-day camp brings together aspiring officials from across North America. Through a combination of classroom instruction, on ice training, and live game evaluations, participants gain the skills and confidence needed to succeed in one of the most challenging roles in hockey.

Open to officials ages 14 and up, the program focuses on growth, mentorship, and building a strong foundation both on and off the ice. Beyond development, the school also plays a powerful role in giving back. In partnership with Dawg Nation, proceeds from the camp help fund post-secondary scholarships awarded to participants, supporting their education and future goals.

Jay's legacy goes far beyond his time on the ice. With decades of experience at the highest level of the game, he is dedicated to teaching, mentoring, and inspiring young officials to reach their full potential.

The Jay Sharrer's Officiating School reflects the very best of hockey, opportunity, leadership, and a commitment to lifting others along the way.



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JONNY LANDIS

Jonny “Be Good” Landis is a true example of resilience, determination, and the power of the human spirit. In March 2019, during his freshman year at the University of Colorado, Jonny suffered a devastating fall from over 40 feet, resulting in more than 160 skull fractures and leaving him fighting for his life. Doctors warned his family that he likely would not survive the first night.

But Jonny had other plans.

After spending months in a coma and undergoing a long and difficult recovery, Jonny defied every expectation placed in front of him. Through years of therapy, perseverance, and the support of his family and community, he slowly rebuilt his life step by step.

Seven years later, Jonny achieved a powerful milestone by walking across the stage and earning his degree from the University of Colorado. It was a moment that once seemed impossible.

Today, Jonny continues to inspire others both on and off the ice. Through Hockey Heals, he is back doing what he loves, skating alongside fellow survivors and sharing in the bond of the hockey community. He has also stepped into a new role with Dawg Nation as a summer intern, helping tell the stories of others who are on their own journeys of recovery.

Jonny Landis is more than a survivor. He is a leader, a teammate, and living proof that second chances can turn into something extraordinary.



CRAIG WILDERMAN

Craig Wilderman was a beloved member of the Colorado hockey community, a devoted husband to Heidi, and a proud father of two daughters. Known for his kindness, generosity, and unwavering support for those around him, Craig made a lasting impact both on and off the ice.

In early September, what seemed like a routine hockey injury led to devastating news. After experiencing persistent chest pain, Craig was diagnosed with Stage 4 thymic squamous cancer. Despite the severity of the diagnosis, Craig faced his battle with incredible courage, supported by his family, friends, and the hockey community that surrounded him with love.

For over a year and a half, Craig fought with strength and grace, inspiring everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. Through every challenge, he remained the same caring and positive presence that defined his life.



In March 2026, Craig passed away, leaving behind a legacy that extends far beyond the rink. His impact lives on in the countless lives he touched, the friendships he built, and the love he shared so freely.

Craig Wilderman will always be remembered as a cornerstone of the hockey community, a devoted family man, and a true Dawg whose spirit continues to inspire.

DON COOMBE



Don Coombe was a pillar of the Colorado hockey community, a dedicated coach, and a man who lived life with unmatched passion. Whether on the ice, on the golf course, or surrounded by family, Don embraced every moment and made the most of his 72 years.

A true warrior, Don bravely battled stage 4 cancer not once, but three times, defying the odds and inspiring everyone around him. His strength, resilience, and positive outlook made him a central figure in both the Dawg Nation family and the Hockey Heals community.

In late 2025, Don suffered a massive stroke. Even in those final moments, his fighting spirit was evident, surrounded by the love of family and friends who never left his side. When he passed, the response from the community spoke volumes. Hundreds gathered to celebrate his life, sharing stories, laughter, and memories that reflected the incredible impact he had on so many.

Don was more than a coach or teammate. He was a mentor, a friend, and someone who made others better simply by being around him. His presence brought people together, and his legacy continues to do the same.

Don Coombe leaves behind a beautiful mark on this world and will forever hold a special place in the hearts of the hockey community.

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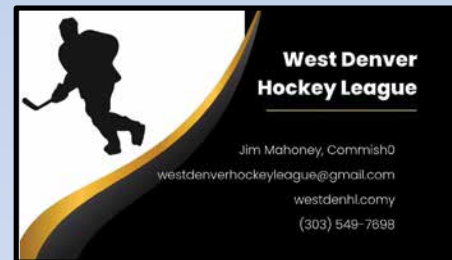
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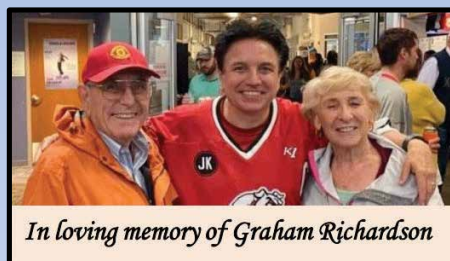
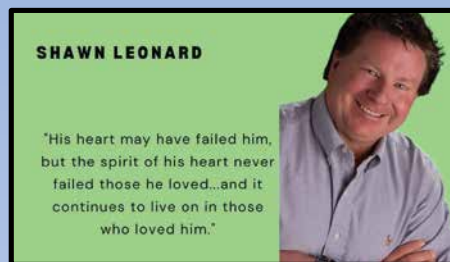
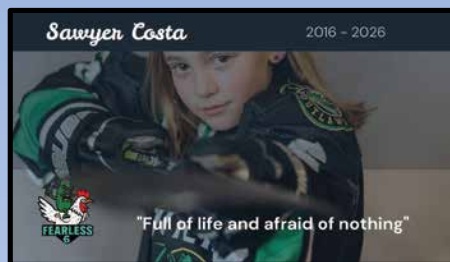
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