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Thunder on the Greens Monday, May 12, 2008

Thunder's first annual golf tournament turned out to be a great success! It was a beautiful day for golf with the sun shining warm, and a brisk breeze blowing in from the south. Thunder had a total of 96 golfers for our first tournament, and raised over \$4500 for the girls!

The first place team shot a great score of 55. The winning foursome came from the 10U team—Brent Mrofcza, Brad Grogg, Brent Sailer, and John Guterrez, each winning \$125 in prize money. The sec-

ond place foursome shot 59, and was also in support of the 10U team, they were: Patrick Kerr, Wendy Kerr, Jim Rizzo, and Tim Lynch.

Long drive winners.
Mens – John Henry
Womens - Mary Schroeder

Closest to the Pin
Wendy Kerr, Yvonne Gricius, Rob Schroeder, Brad Grogg, and Mary Schroeder.

Thunder teams will make the following profits from the tournament:

- 10U—Mrofcza \$453.25
- 12U—Hernez \$529.75
- 14UB—Bagley \$0.00
- 14UB—Johnson \$158.50
- 14UC—Schroeder \$1,200.50
- 16UA—Peterson \$474.00
- 16UB—Foster \$1,389.00
- 18UB—Henry \$158.50

Great job to all that participated, and helped. We hope you enjoyed the day, and the golf.

GO THUNDER!

DISCOUNTS / SPECIALS

To all Colorado Springs Thunder Families:

We are excited to announce that Colorado Springs Thunder has signed up for the **Water World Calypso Club Discount Ticket Program**. As a member of this program, you are now able to buy discounted tickets for Water World with the added convenience of printing your admission tickets from your computer and presenting them at the entrance turnstiles bypassing ticket booth lines. **Purchasing admission tickets has never been easier!**

You may purchase tickets immediately by visiting our exclusive Calypso Club Discount Ticket Store in the following way:

Go direct to our online store 24/7 at <https://calypsoclub.waterworldcolorado.com> and enter this personalized Store Name: Colorado Springs Thunder

We hope you and your family are able to enjoy the Water World waterpark this season!

Rules—Ask the Ump Obstruction

Sec 13. When a runner is obstructed while advancing or returning to a base, by a fielder who neither has the ball nor is attempting an initial play on a batted ball, the Umpire shall award the obstructed runner, and each other runner affected by the obstruction, the bases they would have reached, in the Umpire's judgment, had there been no obstruction.

- A. If the obstructed runner advances beyond the base the runner would have reached, in the Umpire's judgment, the runner advances with liability to be put out.
- B. If any preceding runner is forced to advance by the awarding of a base or bases to an obstructed runner, the Umpire shall award this preceding runner the necessary base or bases.
- C. The penalty for faking a tag is obstruction.
- D. An obstructed runner may not be called out between the two bases where he was obstructed except as follows:
 1. The obstructed runner obtains the base he would have been awarded had there been no obstruction and there is a subsequent play. The obstructed runner is no longer protected if he leaves the base.
 2. The obstructed runner commits an act of interference or malicious contact
 3. The obstructed runner passes another runner.
 4. A proper appeal is made for leaving a base too soon or for missing a base.

NOTE: When obstruction occurs, the Umpire gives the delayed dead-ball signal and calls out "obstruction." If an award is to be made, the ball becomes dead when time is taken to make the award.

Whether you think you can or whether you think you can't, you're right.

Henry Ford

Trivia Question

Since its invention, what names has the sport of softball been known as, and when did it become known as "softball"?

Thunder BOOM

Thunder team results for tournaments this year.

*18UB 1st Place— USSSA Jelly Bean
18UB 1st Place— USSSA Spring Time
18UB 2nd Place—USSSA Troublemaker
18UB 2nd Place—USSSA Top of the Rockies*

*16UA—3rd Place Pony Express RM Classic
16UA—2nd Place Flowers For Mom
16UA—3rd Place Stazio*

*16UB—2nd Place—USSSA Jelly Bean
16UB—2nd Place USSSA Rage Rumble
16UB—2nd Place—USSSA Spring Starter
16UB—3rd Place—USSSA Troublemaker
16UB—1st Place—USSSA Top of the Rockies*

14UB Johnson—1st Place Tie—USSSA Jelly Bean

14UB Johnson—3rd Place USSSA Spring Time

14UB Bagley—2nd Place USSSA Jelly Bean

14UB Bagley—2nd Place USSSA Mem. Day Bash

14UC—2nd Place USSSA Jelly Bean

14UC—2nd Place USSSA Spring Time

14UC—1st Place T/C Spring Stampede

14UC - 3rd Place—USSSA Spring Starter

14UC—2ndPlace—ASA Spring Fling

14UC—2nd Place –USSSA Mem. Day Bash

12UB - 3rd Place—USSSA Jelly Bean

12UB—3rd Place T/C Spring Stampede

12UB 1st Place—USSSA Spring Starter

12UB—3rd Place—USSSA Troublemaker

TEAMS GREAT JOB! Keep the THUNDER ROLLING!!!

Player of the Month Katie Freier

Katie Freier-#80 from Kris Johnson's 14UB team

List some special interests (chess, knitting, baking, game shows, drawing, mountain biking...)

Going to the movies, hanging out with friends, pretty much just fun stuff.

How long have you lived in the area?

It is coming up on 6 years in the summer.

How long have you been playing softball?

This is my second Competitive year.

What's your favorite softball memory?

Probably my first big home run this season.



What other sports do you play?
Just softball for me.

If you could attend any college, and play softball there where would you pick?

Depends on what I want to be when I am older, and if I still love softball as much as I do now.

Which college player, (current or past), do you admire the most and why?

Uhhh, probably all of them for believing in themselves, and going for what they want.

Tell us something unique about yourself. This is purely subjective, and should be something neat about yourself that others may not know.

Something unique would be like I have never had a bloody nose. Ever in my whole life.

Player of the Month Jessie Cagliari

Big things do come in small packages. Anyone who has seen the 18U Thunder team play usually remembers number 5, Jessie Cagliari. Standing at a full 5 feet tall, Jessie can be found behind the plate keeping her pitchers in line, and throwing out would be base stealers.

Jessie is playing in her third season with Thunder. She also catches for Lewis Palmer High School. She started playing softball when she was 11 for the Flames of TLAA. The reason she plays is, quite simply, because she loves the game. An outstanding student, she carries a 3.97 GPA. Her



favorite subject is math, and she wishes to pursue a career in engineering.

Jessie enjoys spending time with her family; parents Dan & Denise, and sister Michaela. She also spends time riding her street bike, knitting, and reading fiction novels. Her favorite color is blue, favorite food is Italian, favorite season is summer, and her favorite movie is anything by Pixar.

Jessie is one of the most dedicated players I have ever had, virtually never missing practice, and is always willing to help the pitchers get their workouts in. Her big smile is matched only by her huge heart, as is witnessed by the effort she puts forth on the field.

Player of the Month Jewel Finn

Jewel Finn plays for the CO Thunder 16B team. This is Jewel's second year with Thunder, and her third year playing competitive softball. Jewel was born on December 13, 1993 in Pueblo, CO, and has lived there her entire life. She is the youngest player on her team, and even though she could still be playing at the 14U division, she plays with confidence at the 16U division. Jewel's favorite softball memory was just a month ago when she hit four triples, and two doubles in the Pikes Peak Invitational tournament against some of the best A teams in the state. Jewel is also an exceptional stu-



dent. She earns a 4.0 GPA at her Junior high school where she also plays basketball for her school's team. She hopes to one day attend Arizona State University where she would love to play for their amazing softball team. One thing most people don't know about Jewel is that she has her black belt in Tae Kwon Do, and was a CO state champion at the age of 11. Jewel is a great team player with a fantastic attitude. She is just an amazing athlete, and has become an integral part of her team's success.

Player of the Month - Madison Hernez

Madison Hernez—12U

List some special interests [Softball](#), [Art](#), [Shopping for clothes with friends](#), [Skiing](#) and [Listening to my iPod](#)
How long have you lived in the area?

[I was born and raised in Colorado Springs](#)

How long have you been playing softball? [5 years](#)

What's your favorite softball memory?

[Making the All-Star team last year and taking 1st place this year in the Spring Starter](#)

What other sports do you play?

[Volleyball](#)

If you could attend any college, & play softball there where would you pick? [University of Arizona \(Wildcats\)](#)

Which college player, (current or past), do you admire the most and why? [Caitlin Lowe – Center Fielder for the US Olympic team & former Arizona Wildcat. I admire her mainly because she is not a big girl but still is an amazing hitter & fielder. She went her entire college career without an error. Since I am also a small girl, she gives me the confidence that I can be a really good player](#)

[regardless of size.](#)

[I also very much admire Cat Osterman. She is an amazing pitcher & I hope someday to be able to pitch like she does. Any opportunity I get to watch Cat I do. Now that both Caitlin Lowe & Cat Osterman play for the US Olympic team, I can watch them both at the same time.](#)

[Tell us something unique about yourself. Something that many people may not know about me is that I someday want to be a veterinarian or possibly a zoologist. I love all animals, and have several pets at home. We have two birds, two turtles, and 3 dogs.](#)

[Another thing many people may not know is that I made the USSSA All-Star team last year with the Thunder 12U. It was so much fun playing in the All-Star game.](#)

[I also love Italian food. My Nana \(my dad's mom\) is Italian, and was born in Sicily, and is a great Italian cook.](#)

[Finally, I cannot play or practice softball without sunflower seeds. I go through at least one bag of seeds a tournament. For some reason they help me focus while I am playing.](#)



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"TO HELP STRENGTHEN YOUR ARM FOR NEXT WEEK'S GAME,
I BOUGHT YOU A LARGER SOFTBALL TO PRACTICE WITH."

Happy Birthday!

Elizabeth Acker - 5/6
 12UB Hernez
 Hayley Cobb—5/7
 12UB Hernez
 Laura Hoden —5/12
 14UB Bagley
 Cheyenne Harold—5/13
 12UB Hernez
 Trish Goodhue—5/19
 18UB Henry
 Gloria Lujan—5/21
 14UB Johnson
 Rachel Batcheler 5/22
 16UB Foster

If your birth date has not been listed, please contact your coach. He or she has failed to provide us the information.

Trivia Answer—

The sport of softball was invented in 1887 as "indoor baseball". Other names for softball over the years include: kitten ball, diamond ball, mush ball, and pumpkin ball. The name softball dates from 1926. In 1934, the Joint Rules Committee on Softball standardized the rules and naming throughout the U.S

Teams—Tournament Schedule

2008 Thunder Tournaments

Date	CS Thunder 18 B John Henry	CS Thunder 16 A Travis Peterson	CS Thunder 14 B Kris Johnson	CS Thunder 14 B Vern Bagley	CS Thunder 14 C Mary Schroeder	CS Thunder 12 B Chris Hernez	CS Thunder 10 B Danny Wall	CS Thunder 16 B Scott & Patty
May31- June 1	Top of the Rockies	ASA State	Top of the Rockies	Off	Off	Off	Off	Top of the Rockies
June 7 & 8	Thunder Down under	off	Thunder Down Under	Thunder Down Under	Thunder Down under	Off	Off	Thunder Down Under B
June 14 &15	Off	MT Magic	Off	Off	Pepsi Big Slam C	Mountain Magic	Off	Mountain Magic A/B
June 21 & 22	TC State	TC State	Triple Crown State	TC State	Off	Off	Off	Off
June 28 & 29	Flrecracker	off	Firecracker	Fire Cracker	(Lyons) Blue Mtn C	TC State	Fire Cracker	Fire Cracker B
July 4,5 6	Sparkler	Sparkler	Off	Off	Cleat Classic C	Off	Off	Off
July 12 & 13	USSSA State	Colorado Cup	USSSA State	USSSA State	Off	USSSA State	Off	USSSA State
July 19 & 20	ASA State	National TC or USSSA National	TC World Series	Off	USSSA State C	Off	ASA State	Off
July 26 & 27	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off
Aug 2 & 3	ASA National	ASA National	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off