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THE AMERICA CUP FLY FISHING TOURNAMENT Vail, Colorado 2012

The America Cup Fly Fishing Tournament has just wrapped up its 5th year, September 20-23, 2012. Held in Vail, Colorado, the catch and release tournament hosted 65 anglers representing 6 countries, all competing for the right to take home 'The Cup'. The picturesque venues of The Colorado and Blue Rivers, Lake Nottingham and Sylvan Lake were excellent locations for anglers and spectators. The water was challenging at times, but the fishermen adapted and all venues produced trout. 1,768 trout were scored and released. Team Winners: Team Emerger from Ireland took home gold medals and earned 'The Cup', Team USA won the silver medals and Team USA Youth Fly Fishing got bronze medals. Closest margin ever with only 2 points separating the first and second place teams. Individual Winners: Tom Drinan of Cork, Ireland won gold and 'The Cup', Mark Hanes of Team Freestone/Maui Jim the silver and Aston Boone of Team USA Youth Fly Fishing, the bronze medal. It was an impressive tournament, filled with talent and camaraderie amongst all and that truly shows the quality of fly fishing in Colorado. The event was highlighted at the awards banquet when organizers John Knight and Ben Metcalf, in their continued efforts to provide program and monetary support to the soldier's programs, presented a check for \$5,000 to Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing.

The Evergreen Lodge in Vail was the host hotel providing great lodging and accommodations for anglers and volunteers. Nova Guides supplied easy, efficient and comfortable transportation to all fishing venues. Thank you to our many sponsors and supporters. For many attendees it was their first time visiting Vail. They were impressed at the town's beauty and location and stated they were excited to return for next year's competition.

Special Thanks to the Town of Vail, the Town of Avon for use of Lake Nottingham, CDOW and Colorado State Parks for use of Sylvan Lake, Coyote River Ranch on the Colorado River and Blue Valley Ranch on the Blue River for providing the anglers access to these wonderful venues.

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