

2015 Annual Report



VVMBA
Vail Valley Mountain Bike Association



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Thank You for a Great Year

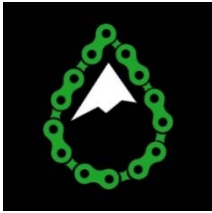
What a fantastic year for VVMBA and for trail enthusiasts in the Vail Valley! Our community's focus and commitment to soft surface trails has never been stronger and continues to gain momentum. Residents, business owners and governments are increasingly recognizing the power of trails to improve quality of life and drive economic development. Initiatives and ideas abound from Vail to Gypsum with broad public support.

2015 was a year of execution with the completion of the 13 mile West Avon Preserve trail network, opening of the top section of the Berry Creek reroute, a full reroute of the Mesquite Trail and commencement of an ambitious multi-year reroute of Cougar Ridge. Construction of these projects is the culmination of years of relationship-building, planning and approvals.

In 2016 we will continue to execute on projects already underway. The focus however will be on working with local land managers and other local trail advocacy groups to advance valley-wide master planning and institutionalizing a program for existing trail maintenance. These efforts will result in better maintained trails and a clear, prioritized multi-year pipeline of new trails.

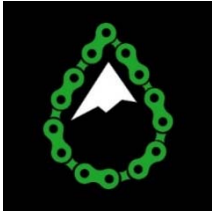
Whether you are a donor, a volunteer or a member we are greatly appreciative of your support and hope you will continue to contribute in 2016 and beyond. Let's keep this movement going and growing on our path to making the Vail Valley a world-class trails community and destination!

-VVMBA Board of Directors-



Top Ten 2015 Accomplishments

1. Over 3,000 volunteer hours contributed.
2. Over 8,000 feet of new trail constructed by volunteers and hired professionals.
3. Over 3,000 feet of unsustainable trail restored.
4. Completed Wyse Way in the West Avon Preserve (WAP) through weekly volunteer work nights. This marked the completion of the WAP trail network – a multiyear effort planned and spearheaded by VVMBA.
5. Finished top section of Berry Creek reroute through weekly volunteer work nights and a full restoration of the old trail made possible by a grant from the National Forest Foundation.
6. Managed a complete reroute of the Mesquite Trail in Singletree with 200+ volunteers from Vail Resorts Epic Promise.
7. Constructed phase one of Cougar Ridge reroute in Minturn in conjunction with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado.
8. Received grants of over \$30,000 to pass through for specific contractor restoration projects and planning.
9. Trained over twenty new trail crew leaders.
10. Launched website.



Overview

The Vail Valley Mountain Bike Association is the local chapter of the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA).

IMBA is the leading mountain bike advocacy group in the world and represents mountain biker interests on a macro scale, including federal and state initiatives.

VVMBA focuses 100% of its efforts locally in the Vail Valley under the following guiding statements:

Mission

To establish Eagle County, CO as a premier global mountain biking destination.

Vision

A community of diverse participants that vigorously supports the maintenance and construction of sustainable mountain biking and hiking trails throughout Eagle County.

Execution

VVMBA coordinates volunteer trail work, organizes events, trains volunteer trail construction crew leaders and contributes its talents, guidance and time to support local land managers in various soft surface trail initiatives.

As of year-end 2015 VVMBA has 70 dues paying members and many other key participants and contributors.

501(c)3 non-profit.



Board of Directors

VVMBA is 100% volunteer lead and managed with minimal administrative cost.



Jamie Malin



Kat Sedillo



Michelle Wolffe



Mark Luzar



Brian Rodine



Pete Seibert



Andy Gunion



Bill Hoblitzell



Weekly Trail Work Nights



Dedicated VVMBA volunteers gather on a weekly basis to build sustainable single track.

A fun and rewarding program to strengthen community and make tangible contributions to the valley's trails.

In 2015 these volunteers finished the top section of the Berry Creek reroute/restoration in Edwards and Wyse Way in the West Avon Preserve – marking the completion of this 13 mile trail network which was started by VVMBA in 2012.



Large Scale Project Coordination



VVMBA has developed an expertise in planning and executing large-scale volunteer trail work projects.

In 2015 this included managing over 200 Vail Resorts EPIC Promise volunteers for a reroute and restoration of the Mesquite Trail in Singletree.

Additionally, we partnered with VOC and over 80 volunteers on a two-day project to start phase one of the Cougar Ridge Trail in Minturn.



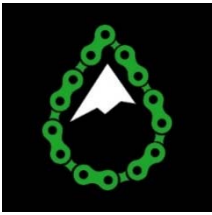
Trail Crew Leader Training



VVMBA organizes and conducts trail crew leader training seminars.

Focus is placed on sustainable trail construction and volunteer safety. Our mantra is “safety, fun and get some work done”.

In 2015 over 20 new local trail crew leaders were trained in conjunction with VOC. These trail crew leaders will be a great resource in the valley for years to come.



Government Relations & Planning



The actual work of maintaining and constructing trails is typically the end result of a long process of assessment, studies, approvals, planning, design and layout.

It often takes years of significant work to take a trail project from conception to completion.

VVMBA works closely with the US Forest Service, local municipalities and other land managers to help establish maintenance programs for existing trails and plans for future trails.

In 2015 these efforts included seating board members on the Vail Valley Trail Connection and Avon's Trail Committee, advising the Town of Vail on future Vail Trail expansion and continuing to solidify a productive relationship with the Forest Service.



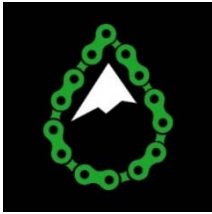
Social Events



In addition to facilitating and advocating for improvements to our community's trails, VVMBA seeks to strengthen the local mountain biking community through select social gatherings.

In 2015 this included a spring open house and a fall film night.

Most trail work events include a social aspect – including the infamous tailgate sessions following weekly trail work nights.



2015 Financial Contributors

Platinum Donations - \$2,500

- Vail Resorts EPIC Promise (double platinum)
 - Anonymous Private Donor
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Gold Donations - \$1,000

- Slifer, Smith & Frampton (double gold)
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Silver Donations - \$500

- Powers Family
 - Ryan Solutions
 - The Kind Bikes & Skis
 - East West Partners
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Bronze Donations - \$250

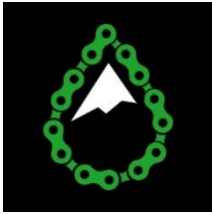
- Lee Rimel

Goods & Services

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| - The Dusty Boot | - E-Town |
| - Garfinkel's | - Bob's Place |
| - Crazy Mountain
Brewery | - Moe's BBQ |
| - Minturn Saloon | - Bonfire Brewery |
| - Colorado Mtn
College | |
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Other Monetary Donations

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| - Chris Dudar | - 70 dues paying
members |
| - Cecilia
McSwiggan | |
| - Town of Vail | |



2015 Trail Work Volunteers

		2015
		Trail Work
		Hours
Casey	Wyse	113:30:00
Cody	Wyse	89:15:00
Mark	Luzar	70:25:00
Joe	McSwiggan	54:30:00
Tim	O'Donnell	47:40:00
Jamie	Malin	32:50:00
Rob	Hamina	32:10:00
Andy	Gunion	30:50:00
Guy	Sedillo	21:00:00
Michelle	Wolfe	20:55:00
William	Hoblitzel	9:20:00
Sam	Massman	9:05:00
Kat	Sedillo	8:45:00
Katherine	Unknown	8:05:00
Lee	Rimel	7:45:00
Ciro	Zarate	7:15:00
Patrick	Ramsey	5:30:00
Anthony	Ressler	5:00:00
Peter	Unknown	4:50:00

		2015
		Trail Work
		Hours
Chapin	Johnson	4:30:00
Beth	Bush	4:30:00
Kayla	Wolfe	3:30:00
Martha	Millberry	3:30:00
Paul	Amicucci	3:20:00
Rodney	Moliter	3:20:00
Jon	Stevenson	3:15:00
Jim	Daus	3:15:00
Mike	Beach	3:15:00
Tom	Dosch	3:15:00
Ken	Unknown	3:15:00
Matt	Tyler	3:00:00
John	Tyler	2:30:00
Brady	Cook	2:30:00
Beth	Pappas	2:15:00
Ethan	Unknown	2:15:00
Adam	Unknown	2:15:00
Steve	Unknown	2:15:00
Ron	Gruber	2:00:00
Bob	Kippola	0:45:00

* Excludes large volunteer days such as EPIC Promise and VOC.



2015 Trail Crew Leader Volunteers

Casey Wyse

Cody Wyse

Neil Henzler

Michelle Wolffe

Liz Frey

Beth Notis

Michele Kahn

Heather Weissler

Amber Moran

Peter Lindsay

Kat Sedillo

Deb Oakes

Will Cox

Lee Rimel

Joe McSwiggan

Liana Sideli

Guy Sedillo

Dylan Heaney

Lee Hoover

John McDade

Mark Luzar

Chris Rogers

Andy Gunion

Greg Willis

Bob Sonntag

Jason Schetrompf

Rob Hamina

Kevin Roop

Jamie Malin

Bill Hoblitzell



2015 Partners







2016 Objectives

1. Establish a formal trail maintenance (“adopt-a-trail”) program. A key to opening the approval pipeline for additional trails.
2. Fund a coordinator for the adopt-a-trail program.
3. Help to coordinate a valley-wide trails master planning effort - another key to opening the approval pipeline for additional trails.
4. Grow regular volunteer base for weekly trail work nights.
5. Complete Berry Creek reroute & restoration.
6. Complete Phase II of Cougar Ridge reroute & restoration.
7. Assist Avon, Vail, Minturn and other municipalities in planning for expanding their trail networks.
8. Increase visibility through introduction of VVMBA gear.
9. Grow membership and social events program.
10. Increase networking and communication amongst all trail advocacy groups in the valley.



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