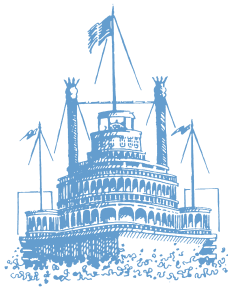


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Wesley Harmon puts a bike together in the Steamboat Ski & Bike Kare shop in downtown Steamboat Springs. With just one week remaining in the ski season, the shop is already in the process of switching from skis to bikes, which is keeping Harmon fairly busy.

Triple Crown up to bat

Council to discuss use of Emerald Park fields for summer tournaments

Brandon Gee
PILOT & TODAY STAFF

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An extension of the city's contract with Triple Crown Sports — including provisions allowing the sports-tourism company to use Emerald Park — will be a topic of discussion at tonight's Steamboat Springs City Council meeting.

Triple Crown's requested use

of city-owned Emerald Park in 2009 and 2010 likely will be a major point of contention tonight. Triple Crown wants to use Emerald Park fields from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. four days a week during three weeks of its 10-week schedule.

"The total number of teams anticipated ... means they are just going to require additional field space," said Sandy Evans Hall, executive vice president of

the Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association.

Last week Matt Van Alsburg, Triple Crown's World Series director, predicted 390 teams would travel to Steamboat this summer, 40 more than ever before.

Residents who live along Pamela Lane, the park's lone vehicular access route, and officials with the adjacent Yampa River Botanic Park vehemently oppose the proposal and its accompany-

ing traffic and noise.

"These games ... will spoil the serenity of the Botanic Park at exactly the time of its highest use by citizens and tourist visitors," Botanic Park board member Bob Enever told the Parks, Open Space and Recreation Commission on Feb. 13. "This is totally unacceptable."

Others cite promises to Pamela

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	10 in.	Total snow†	478 in.
New snow — Summit	10 in.	Trails open	165/165
Base — Mid-mountain	82 in.	Lifts open	16/18
Base — Summit	108 in.	Conditions	Powder

*24-hour snowfall as of 12:30 p.m. previous day; † total snow beginning Oct. 18 as measured at mid-mountain FOR UP-TO-DATE ROAD CONDITIONS, INCLUDING RABBIT EARS PASS, call 511 or visit: www.cotrip.org



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