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League Office Begins Preparations for 2007 Tournament *Tenacious E Set to 'Amaze'*

Colorado Springs, Colo. – With the 14th Annual Shangri La' Classic scheduled for late June, the league office is hard at work preparing for the always highly anticipated weekend.

"The Colorado contingent will begin the pre-season conditioning program early next week," Commissioner Hixson said. "We're all getting older, so each year it is a little harder find the old form. Some of these guys are approaching 40 for god sake. It is important to train hard leading up to the big weekend."

Early reports indicate that the participant pool will be around 18 players. If the projections are accurate, the 2007 tournament would feature the smallest field since the late 90s. "History tells us that fewer players equals a higher level of play," Hixson said. "After experimenting with different team sizes the last several years, I'm thrilled about the possibility of having six teams of three like the old days."

Associate Commissioner Jeff Cain agreed. "I remember the days when we only had five teams. Those were the best years."

If the numbers hold, this will almost guarantee the infamous late night 7th captain debate can be avoided. "That debate haunts my dreams," former SLW Rookie of the Year Brian Sipich said. "It was so painful last year, I thought about burning the cabin down."

The league office is exploring the possibility of an awards banquet following play on Saturday night. "Something needs to be done to recognize my team... I mean, the tournament winner," Hixson stated.

Mainline act "Tenacious E" has graciously agreed to perform again this year. Formed in 2006, the trio (made up of lead guitarist Matt Endsley and co-lead singers Brian and Chris Shoemaker) has toured extensively since last July. After much infighting following a New Year's set in Ivesdale, the differences seem to be behind the "E" is hard at work for the biggest show of the year. "After our 06 show, this is going to be bigger than The Police reunion this summer," Chris Shoemaker said. Endsley added, "Kill yourself."

Finally, Don Imus has received a lifetime ban from Shangri' La Wiffleball.

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