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Paradox Sports Hosts Fundraiser at 303 Vodka Distillery

Boulder – Paradox Sports, a Boulder-based nonprofit committed to empowering the disabled community through human-powered outdoor sports, is gearing up for its fundraiser at 303 Vodka Distillery. Literally.

“We have all kinds of prizes up for grabs, including Scarpa shoes, Patagonia jackets and Petzl ropes,” said Timmy O’Neill, executive director and co-founder of Paradox Sports.

This free event kicks-off at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24 and will feature food, drinks, live music, raffle drawings and both a live and silent auction. All items have been donated by outdoor retailers and local businesses so that 100% of the proceeds could go toward expanding the mission of Paradox Sports.

Paradox Sports was founded in 2007 by O’Neill and DJ Skeleton, an Army captain who was injured in Fallujah, Iraq. The organization encourages people of all backgrounds and abilities to experience adventure sports, regardless of physical disability or limb-count. Along with supporting their athletic pursuits, Paradox Sports helps finance the adaptive equipment necessary for disabled athletes to participate in outdoor recreation.

The open mic-style entertainment will include various improv ensembles, stand-up comedians and 15 to 20 musicians. Food is provided by Bacco Trattoria and Mozzarella Bar, Pemba Sherpa and Whole Foods. The 303 Vodka Distillery will serve various flavors of vodka and cocktails.

“We’re going to drink, laugh, party and raise money,” said O’Neill.

Adventure journalist, fellow Boulderite and future DILF, Ryan Van Duzer, will participate in the live auction. Bidders will have a chance to win an all-inclusive bike ride with Duzer, which includes a bottle of wine, dinner for two and one night at a local hotel.

“It’s an honor to be involved with Paradox Sports and help out the adventure community. My mission in life is to get people outdoors,” said Duzer. “Also, it’s a good chance to meet the girl of my dreams.”

The event organizers aim to fundraise \$15,000 as well as drive membership registration. It’s also a way to build community awareness for the work that Paradox Sports does. Programs funded by the event allow disabled individuals to take part in everything from



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adaptive ice climbing clinics to hiking, mountain biking, fishing, kayaking and trail running.

If you cannot attend the event but would still like to make a donation or become a member, please visit www.paradoxsports.org.

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