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Battle of the Bars returns, bigger & better than ever

PENDLETON, Ore. – The Pendleton Round-Up & Happy Canyon Hall of Fame is bringing back its annual Battle of the Bars fundraiser on Friday, April 1, after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, and it's bigger and better than ever.

The Battle of the Bars begins outside the Let 'er Buck Room in the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds with a new cornhole tournament at 4:45 p.m. Doubles teams can join the tournament for just \$50 per team by signing up at 4 p.m. The Hall of Fame appreciates cornhole tournament sponsors Kelly Lumber Supply, McCormack Construction, Pendleton Mixer & Cigar, and Kirby Nagelhout Construction Co.

The event then moves into its traditional Battle of the Bars competition, presented by Pendleton Whisky, at 6 p.m. inside the Let 'er Buck Room, in which local bars and restaurants compete for the best cocktail made with Pendleton Whisky. Entry into the event is free (must be 21+ to attend), and tastes and votes for each cocktail can be purchased, along with beer, wine and other traditional cocktails. Food from Mario's Basque Grill will also be available onsite. Votes for your favorite Pendleton Whisky drinks will be taken until 8 p.m., and then the event will continue with music, raffles and drinks along with the announcement of the winning cocktail, which gives bragging rights and a plaque to the victorious bar or restaurant.

"We've really missed having this event the past two years," said Hall of Fame President Carl Culham. "It's going to be a lot of fun having everyone back at Battle of the Bars, supporting the Hall of Fame while they enjoy time back together. We appreciate Pendleton Whisky's support in bringing this event back better than ever."

First year Hall of Fame Battle of the Bars Director Ken Lebsock said he hopes the cornhole tournament will help bring an expanded group of attendees to the event.

"Cornhole has really exploded around the country over the past few years, so we hope people will come play in the tournament and then stick around for Battle of the Bars," Lebsock said.

Battle of the Bars, presented by Pendleton Whisky, is one of the largest fundraisers of the year for the Pendleton Round-Up & Happy Canyon Hall of Fame, which operates on membership fees, donations, grants and fundraisers, as well as the generous time commitment of volunteers. Though closely aligned, the Hall of Fame is a separate organization from the Round-Up and Happy Canyon, with its own volunteer board of directors. It operates the museum and archives chronicling and preserving the traditions and



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histories of the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon in its Hall of Fame building across the street from the Round-Up Grounds.

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The Pendleton Round-Up & Happy Canyon Hall of Fame is located at 1114 SW Court Avenue, adjacent to the world famous Pendleton Round-Up Grounds. The Hall of Fame Museum operates March-November of each year and entry is free. Visit www.rounduphalloffame.org for more information, and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/rupalloffame.