

DURANGO

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connecting our community since 1990

It's SeppTember in Durango



Celebrating Local Triumph: Sepp Kuss Shines in La Vuelta ☐

We're bursting with pride as we share exciting news from the world of cycling! Our very own Durango local, Sepp Kuss, has triumphed in La Vuelta. Sepp, the son of Dolph and Sabina Kuss, was raised right here in Durango, immersed in the embrace of our breathtaking trails and the joy of outdoor adventures. Sepp's journey began in our community, where he spent his childhood enjoying nordic skiing and mountain biking on the very trails that grace our landscape. Under the guidance of coach Chad Cheney and the Durango Devo program, he honed his skills and ignited his passion for cycling. Following his roots, Sepp pursued further education at CU-Boulder, a chapter that propelled him towards the professional cycling stage. His talent and determination led him to join esteemed road teams, ultimately finding his place in the Jumbo Visma squad.

In a recent article by Fred Dreier in *Outside Magazine*, Sepp warmly expressed his nostalgia for Durango. He shared how he yearned for his hometown, reminiscing about the friendly faces, Mexican cuisine, and the trails.

Sepp's success not only glorifies his prowess in cycling but also shines a spotlight on our beloved Durango. It illuminates the tight-knit community that nurtured his dreams and shaped his journey.

Let us unite in celebrating this remarkable achievement, embodying the spirit of Durango and the love we have for our town, its people, and the trails that bind us all.

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A quote from last week's [Outside Magazine](#) by Fred Dreier:

"Kuss brought up a topic he wanted to talk about: Durango. He told me he missed his hometown, and the people, the Mexican food, and trails."



Durango DEVO founder Chad Cheeney (left) and Sepp Kuss. Photo: Chad Cheeney

Trail News

Trail Maintenance and Trailhead Development in Progress ☐

We wanted to keep you in the loop about some exciting developments and ongoing maintenance activities on the Meadow and Horse Gulch areas. Our Durango Trails team is hard at work conducting crucial maintenance and stewardship initiatives, ensuring our trails remain enjoyable and maintained.

If you happen to spot our dedicated crews and their equipment during your outdoor adventures, we encourage you to give them a friendly wave, say Hi, and extend your heartfelt appreciation. Your kind gestures truly go a long way in motivating and acknowledging their efforts.

Furthermore, as part of Durango Mesa Park, a contractor is actively working at the Horse Gulch trailhead.

During this construction phase, a portion of the trailhead parking lot will be temporarily closed to the public.

We kindly ask for your cooperation and understanding during this transition. If possible, consider utilizing parking spots available on the neighborhood streets on the west side of E 8th Avenue. Rest assured, pedestrian and bike access to Horse Gulch Road will be maintained throughout the construction, ensuring you can continue to explore and enjoy the trails.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation. Together, we are creating a vibrant and trail-rich community that fosters a love for the outdoors and the joy of exploration.

Happy trails and happy adventuring,



Sponsor Appreciation Corner

Supporting Durango Trails is a natural fit for **Pediatric Partners of the Southwest** (PPSW). PPSW is the regional provider of pediatric and adolescent care, providing high-quality, compassionate, and holistic pediatric care since 2005. Our goal is to partner with parents/guardians to support children's physical and Behavioral health. We provide pediatric care at the Mercy hospital nursery and pediatric floor, are involved in school-based health centered care in Durango and Bayfield, have embedded integrated behavioral-health providers, and provide a space for Children's Hospital CO pediatric specialists outreach clinics.

Children now spend more time inside due to technology advances. As children grow to teenagers, media usage jumps exponentially, with computers and social media playing ever-important roles. We know that spending *green time* outdoors is a great counterbalance to this. Nature provides many lifelong benefits across physical health, mental health and academic competency. A healthy exposure to Vitamin D promotes bone health and helps minimize issues related to diabetes and heart disease. We know the benefits of physical activity and keeping our bodies moving, but being outdoors also helps with emotional gains too. Children who play outside tend to be happier, less anxious, have improved attention, and it helps encourage creativity and imagination. For families, the great outdoors is a natural playground that contributes to a child's positive development. ***We are thrilled to sponsor Durango Trails and support all the outdoor trails and spaces that our community families can partake in.***

Trail Events

Durango Derby taking place on area trails on Saturday, September 23

[Durango Fall Classic Half Marathon](#) takes place October 7

Mountain Bikers: The [Road Apple Rally](#) takes place October 7

Chili Chase Run held on trails in Overend Mountain Park October 14
Benefitting Durango Trails and hosted by Backcountry Experience
Chili Chefs are needed to compete for best chili contest

If you have an outdoor or trail event that you would like included, please email durangotarils.org

Hunting Season: Remember Orange

Season Dates Overview	2023	2024
Archery		
Deer/elk (west of I-25 and Unit 140)	Sept. 2-30	Sept. 2-30
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Oct. 1-27 and Nov. 8-30 and Dec. 15-31	Oct. 1-25 and Nov. 6-30 and Dec. 15-31
Moose	Sept. 9-30	Sept. 7-30
Pronghorn (bucks only)	Aug. 15-31	Aug. 15-31
Pronghorn (either sex)	Sept. 1-20	Sept. 1-20
Muzzleloader (by draw only)		
Deer/elk /moose	Sept. 9-17	Sept. 14-22
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Oct. 14-22	Oct. 12-20
Pronghorn	Sept. 21-29	Sept. 21-29
Rifle Deer/Elk/Moose		
Moose	Oct. 1-14	Oct. 1-14
Limited elk (1st season)	Oct. 14-18	Oct. 12-16
Deer/elk (2nd season)	Oct. 28-Nov. 5	Oct. 26-Nov. 3
Deer/elk (3rd season)	NEW ^Oct. 28-Nov. 1 Nov. 11-17	Nov. 9-15
Limited deer/elk (4th season)	NEW ^Nov. 11-15 Nov. 22-26	Nov. 20-24
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Oct. 28-Nov. 7	Oct. 26-Nov. 5
Late plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Dec. 1-14	Dec. 1-14

Four Corners Back Country Horsemen

The Poker Ride has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 23.



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THE TRAILS LOVE YOU  LOVE THEM BACK

-  SAY HI
-  ANNOUNCE YOURSELF
-  PICK UP AFTER YOURSELF
-  KEEP DOGS ON A LEASH
-  STAY ON THE TRAIL
-  GIVE UPHILL TRAFFIC THE RIGHT OF WAY
-  GIVE BACK
-  CHECK CONDITIONS

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