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Yuma Hosts Vintage Base Ball Tournament

Yuma, AZ – On Saturday, March 11th, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the Colorado River State Historic Park and the Yuma Aces Vintage Base Ball Club will host a vintage base ball tournament at the park.

Vintage base ball clubs (teams) from throughout Arizona will gather in Yuma for the tournament. Teams that will be attending include the Yuma Aces, Higley Haymakers (Phoenix), Mesa Miners, Phoenix Senators, Tucson Saguaros, Bisbee Black Sox, and the Peoria Smelters.

“We have wanted to bring a vintage base ball game to the park for a long time and were really excited to hear of the newly formed Yuma Aces Club,” said Tammy Snook, Park Manager. “It has been great to partner with them in bringing this fun event to the Yuma community.”

Vintage base ball is played with period reproduction equipment, uniform styles inspired by early clubs, and using rules from a period when the game was still developing into America’s favorite pastime.

The rules and regulations of a vintage game are quite different from modern baseball. “We use wooden bats, there are no gloves allowed, you can catch the ball on a bounce to get an out, and a bystander can catch the ball and get an out,” said Darci Peralta, organizer and captain of the Yuma Aces.

Throughout the base ball season, the Arizona Vintage Base Ball League promotes one game per month, with each month hosted by a different club in Arizona. The March 11th tournament in Yuma is the first time that Yuma has hosted teams from throughout the league.

The Yuma Aces is a newly organized base ball team bringing the game of vintage base ball to the Yuma community. The team, officially known as a “club” among vintage base ball enthusiasts, is the first of its kind in Yuma, and is the newest club organized within the Arizona Vintage Base Ball League.

For more information, please contact the Colorado River State Historic Park at (928) 329-0471.

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The Colorado River State Historic Park is managed by the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Corporation (YCNHA), which operates as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. YCNHA serves as an advocate, with key partners, to protect the Lower Colorado River and its rich history. The mission of the YCNHA is to:

- Restore the Lower Colorado River wetlands and habitats;
- Assure river access through riverfront parks;
- Tell the unique cultural and agricultural story of the area;
- Manage two state parks to preserve and bring history to life; and
- Promote private investment in the downtown and along the riverfront.