



## **Rugby Club Scrums Together to Clean Up Firework Debris** *Annual Event Targeting Early Spring Depending Upon Snow Melt*

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-March 2, 2020**-As the smoke clears from 107<sup>th</sup> Winter Carnival fireworks night show and the near ton and a half world-record-setting firework, members of the Steamboat Springs Rugby Club are just waiting for the snow to melt before heading out to clean-up debris later this spring.

"It's been an ongoing tradition for some time now," commented Julian Bristow with the Steamboat Springs Rugby Football Club (RFC). "While the valley has seen a significant amount of snow this year, and we're biting at the bit to get going and helping brighten up the area."

Traditionally, the men and women of the club go out each spring to clean up fragments from the winter carnival night fireworks show with a focus on material from the larger shells. The team works from the launch site moving out from that location until they no longer come across material.



"The mark is set for Emerald Mountain and the surrounding area," continued Bristow.

"We're just waiting on Mother Nature to help get the pitch ready and having our efforts result in a 'try' for the community." Anyone interested in participating in clean-up with the club is welcome to join and should contact the Rugby Club.

Outside of set clean-up activities, individuals who come across pieces of spent fireworks should note the location and return the piece to Parks & Recreation office. Materials used in shell construction is biodegradable and non-toxic. Crews can gain a better understanding of construction and fallout zone dynamics by examining remnants of firework shells.

The team was founded in 1971 by a motley crew of young gents. Over the course of many years, and many matches, the club has grown into a Steamboat Springs tradition. The Yampa Valley and the club also hosts the Cowpie Classic Rugby Tournament, a festival celebrating rugby in Colorado. Teams from all over the state and country come to Steamboat to help celebrate.

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