

TED JOHNSON

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Ted was born and raised in the Vail Valley graduating from Battle Mountain High School and playing hockey with the Vail Junior Hockey Club. His club varsity jacket stills hangs in the front hall closet.

In 1987 Ted and his Bantam team were the first western team to play in then Communist China. The experience was a powerful eye opener culturally and educationally for the group from this small Rocky Mountain town.

Ted still frequently plays hockey with many of his former teammates. It is not uncommon to find a half dozen or more of them playing together in the men's league at Dobson Arena where they grew up. The friendships he forged during his youth hockey continue to deeply impact his day to day life. Ted also had the pleasure of playing for two seasons with the Vail Yeti at Dobson Arena and winning the MWHL Championship in Las Vegas in 2014.

When Ted's son, Teddy Jr, was 4 years old he began as a Mini-Mite with the VRD program and rolled into the Vail Mountaineers Hockey Club where he recently completed his first Pee Wee season. Ted has coached Teddy's teams consistently attaining a Level 2 Certification over the years.

Ted is the owner of Edwards Excavating, Inc. where he has worked since the age of 14 and recently started Vail Valley Waste with partner Byron Harrington.

He served 2 2 year terms on the Eagle County Conservation District Board. This board allocates state funding for land and water conservation projects within Eagle County to private landowners. They also manage funding to eagle county noxious weed program which coordinates cost sharing of weed spraying between eagle county landowners and the state of Colorado.

In addition to Ted and Teddy, the Johnson household includes Ted's wife of 18 years, Susanne, and daughters Cami and Charlotte. The Johnsons live on 40 acres in Wolcott in the "House That Hockey Built" – a reference to the relationships with local tradesmen formed through a life time of hockey. All Johnsons have a love of hockey, skiing, water skiing, hunting, and time outdoors as a family.

Ted would be honored to serve on the VMHC board in the hopes that he could guide the next generation of players to build a life-long love of hockey.