



The Fall Line

"Read it if you can."



Spring 2020

A Letter from our President

I hope this newsletter finds each of you well. The 2020 ski season was full of surprises to say the least. As most of you are practicing family quarantine and social isolation, I thought it may be fun to have a little ASCNY challenge. It's time to play **four truths and one lie**. Spot the lie below and post your photo on how your family is training for next year's ski season by direct messaging your answer to Instagram @ascny or emailing it to ascnymrg@gmail.com. In the text body, identify which fact, numbered below, you think is the lie. The winner will be drawn from the correct answers received by May 5th. The prize is \$40.00 gift certificate at the Mad River General Store. (Hint: You can find some of the truths in the newsletter!)

1. Who was 2020's fastest racer? **Matilda Nichols**, age 14, had the fastest time for the Giant Slalom out of all the 32 members male and female. Her fastest time was her first run - 00:31.59. In the Slalom race, Matilda's fastest time was 00:35:33 earning her second place to **Henry Randall's** fastest run of 00:33.57.
2. ASCNY's own **Andrew Carey** won the out of state candidate at the Annual Co-Op shareholder's meeting by defeating Bill Coyle with 274 to 136 votes.
3. On Ski History Day, February 20, 2020, at the International Ski History Association (ISHA) luncheon held at Mad River Glen, it was discussed and quietly decided to change the names of the slopes Fox, Vixen, Lower Antelope and Bunny. The ISHA members felt these trail names clearly evolved from another era and seem "a bit racy" and "disheartening" for the modern generation of skiers. Trail signs are identities and using the wrong names can create dysphoria, exclusion and alienation in some skiers which may result in an avoidance of these trails all together if we keep the old names. It was unanimously decided to change the questionable trail names to Ox, Harpy, Pronghorn and Hare to keep skiers on all the trails.
4. A need for speed. **Brooks Ware** wins his age group in the Rockefeller Challenge at Mad River Glen on February 23, 2020. The Rockefeller Challenge is a tucking race down the Practice slope where contestants test technique, aerodynamics, bulk, wax formulas, and ski length to see how far they glide up the Rockefellers slope. The competition is one run with no practice runs. To spectators delight and to help preserve our paradise, no speed suites or lycra allowed.
5. Straight from the mountains to your head! An early end to the ski season meant a surprise 22 oz. bottle release of Lawson's newest IPA, "Still Single." The Still Single IPA was created and named in collaboration with Mad River Glen this winter. The new beer is brewed with Centennial, Cascade and Mosaic hops with a hint of lemon, lime and pine. Originally this fine beverage was only available at the world-famous General Stark's Pub, but now it is available selectively throughout Vermont for your home enjoyment.

Stay Well,
Trey Gregory



Margie and Trey Gregory

Race Weekend 2019

Giant Slalom

		Age	Run 1	Run 2	Combined	Gap
Sitzmark						
1	Alexander Bradford	15	00:32.40	00:31.88	01:04.28	
2	Ware Brooks	53	00:34.58	00:33.68	01:08.26	03.98
3	Walker Doug	56	00:34.80	00:33.99	01:08.79	04.51
Fairsexmark						
1	Nichols Matilda	14	00:31.59	00:31.91	01:03.50	
2	Pettibone Kellogg	13	00:38.36	00:38.68	01:17.04	13.54
3	Pettibone Victoria	45	00:38.75	00:39.44	01:18.19	14.69
Prattfall - Over 40						
1	Ware Brooks	53	00:34.58	00:33.68	01:08.26	
2	Walker Doug	56	00:34.80	00:33.99	01:08.79	0.53
3	Tobin John	66	00:35.96	00:35.80	01:11.76	3.50
Prattfalline - Over 40						
1	Pettibone Victoria	45	00:38.75	00:39.44	01:18.19	
2	Nichols Helena	53	00:41.66	00:40.83	01:22.49	4.30
3	Gregory Margie	54	00:42.26	00:42.34	01:24.60	6.41
70+						
1	Nichols Helene	73	00:54.38	00:52.90	01:47.28	



Brooks Ware, Bradford Alexander,
Doug Walker



Victoria Pettibone, Kellogg Pettibone,
Matilda Nichols



Margie Gregory, Helene Nichols, Trey Gregory, Helena Nichols



Brooks Ware



Matilda Nichols, Kellogg and Parker
Pettibone

Race Weekend 2019

Giant Slalom

		Age	Run 1	Run 2	Combined	Gap
Smallfry Mark						
1	Nichols Matilda	14	00:31.59	00:31.91	01:03.50	
2	Pettibone Kellogg	13	00:38.36	00:38.68	01:17.04	13.54
3	Pettibone Parker	10	00:44.32	00:41.26	01:25.58	22.08
Billy Ross						
1	Pettibone Parker	10	00:44.32	00:41.26	01:25.58	
2	Reid Annabel	7	00:44.22	00:47.62	01:31.84	6.26
3	Merrill Raquel	8	00:45.01	00:46.98	01:31.99	6.41
Family						
1	Nichols Matilda	14	00:31.59	00:31.91	01:03.50	
	Nichols Bob	55	00:38.45	00:38.76	01:17.21	
	Nichols Helena	53	00:41.66	00:40.83	01:22.49	
					03:43.20	
2	Pettibone Victoria	45	00:38.75	00:39.44	01:18.19	
	Verost Adam	43	00:37.54	00:37.63	01:15.17	
	Verost Lily	8	00:53.52	00:48.60	01:42.12	
					04:15.48	
3	Merrill Alex	51	00:38.85	00:38.04	01:16.89	
	Merrill Celina	42	00:45.92	00:44.24	01:30.16	
	Merrill Raquel	8	00:45.01	00:46.98	01:31.99	
					04:19.04	
Sibling Rivalry						
1	Pettibone Stephen	48	00:36.28	00:36.87	01:13.15	
	Pettibone Victoria	45	00:38.75	00:39.44	01:18.19	
					02:31.34	
2	Pettibone Kellogg	13	00:38.36	00:38.68	01:17.04	
	Pettibone Parker	10	00:44.32	00:41.26	01:25.58	
					02:42.62	
3	Merrill Raquel	8	00:45.01	00:46.98	01:31.99	
	Merrill Fritz	7	00:56.15	00:52.84	01:48.99	
					03:20.98	



Amelia Walker, Bradford Alexander, Matilda Nichols



Stephen and Kellogg Pettibone



The Pettibone/Verost, Nichols and Merrill Families



Victoria and Stephen Pettibone

Race Weekend 2019

Giant Slalom

		Age	Run 1	Run 2	Combined
Father-Daughter					
1	Nichols Matilda	14	00:31.59	00:31.91	01:03.50
	Nichols Bob	55	00:38.45	00:38.76	01:17.21
					02:20.71
2	Walker Doug	56	00:34.80	00:33.99	01:08.79
	Walker Amelia	15	00:40.93	00:40.15	01:21.08
					02:29.87
3	Pettibone Stephen	48	00:36.28	00:36.87	01:13.15
	Pettibone Kellogg	13	00:38.36	00:38.68	01:17.04
					02:30.19

Father-Son					
1	Alexander Bradford	15	00:32.40	00:31.88	01:04.28
	Alexander Scott	54	00:37.35	00:36.62	01:13.97
					02:18.25
2	Ware Brooks	53	00:34.58	00:33.68	01:08.26
	Ware Bennet	20	00:36.46	00:35.54	01:12.00
					02:20.26
3	Boston Hugh		00:41.06	00:39.03	01:20.09
	Boston Richard	9	00:56.66	00:48.24	01:44.90
					03:04.99

Mother-Daughter					
1	Nichols Matilda	14	00:31.59	00:31.91	01:03.50
	Nichols Helena	53	00:41.66	00:40.83	01:22.49
					02:25.99
2	Pettibone Victoria	45	00:38.75	00:39.44	01:18.19
	Verost Lily	8	00:53.52	00:48.60	01:42.12
					03:00.31
3	Merrill Celina	42	00:45.92	00:44.24	01:30.16
	Merrill Raquel	8	00:45.01	00:46.98	01:31.99
					03:02.15

Mother-Son					
1	Nichols Bob	55	00:38.45	00:38.76	01:17.21
	Nichols Helene	73	00:54.38	00:52.90	01:47.28
					03:04.49
2	Merrill Celina	42	00:45.92	00:44.24	01:30.16
	Merrill Fritz	7	00:56.15	00:52.84	01:48.99
					03:19.15
3	Boston Richard	9	00:56.66	00:48.24	01:44.90
	Boston Sarah		01:13.09	00:56.83	02:09.92
					03:54.82

Husband-Wife					
1	Verost Adam	43	00:37.54	00:37.63	01:15.17
	Pettibone Victoria	45	00:38.75	00:39.44	01:18.19
					02:33.36
2	Nichols Bob	55	00:38.45	00:38.76	01:17.21
	Nichols Helena	53	00:41.66	00:40.83	01:22.49
					02:39.70
3	Merrill Alex	51	00:38.85	00:38.04	01:16.89
	Merrill Celina	42	00:45.92	00:44.24	01:30.16
					02:47.05



Helena and Matilda Nichols, Victoria Pettibone and Lily Verost, Celina and Raquel Merrill



Parker Pettibone, Ethan Verost, Raquel Merrill, Sarah Boston, Fritz Merrill, Beck Pettibone, Pipa Reid, Richard Boston, Lily Verost



Hannah and race weekend photographer Andres Pettibone

Race Weekend 2019

Slalom & Cross Country

			Run 1	Run 2	Combined	Gap
Men's Slalom						
1	Henry	Randall	00:33.57	00:34.75	01:08.32	
3	Stuart	Randall	00:38.14	00:37.65	01:15.79	07.47
4	Bradford	Alexander	00:39.32	00:38.70	01:18.02	09.70
5	Bob	Nichols	00:42.26	00:40.34	01:22.60	14.28
6	Brooks	Ware	00:42.64	00:41.90	01:24.54	16.22
7	Doug	Walker	00:43.00	00:42.33	01:25.33	17.01
8	Chris	McNally	00:43.59	00:42.14	01:25.73	17.41
9	Scott	Alexander	00:43.42	00:42.48	01:25.90	17.58
10	Stephen	Pettibone	00:43.63	00:44.79	01:28.42	20.10
11	John	Tobin	00:45.07	00:44.17	01:29.24	20.92
12	Adam	Verost	00:45.69	00:46.44	01:32.13	23.81
18	Trey	Gregory	00:55.65	00:56.49	01:52.14	43.82
20	Ethan	Verost	01:09.45	01:09.82	02:19.27	70.95
Women's Slalom						
2	Matilda	Nichols	00:35.80	00:35.33	01:11.13	
13	Victoria	Pettibone	00:48.32	00:47.60	01:35.92	00:24.79
14	Kellogg	Pettibone	00:48.12	00:49.47	01:37.59	00:26.46
15	Parker	Pettibone	00:50.38	00:50.16	01:40.54	00:29.41
16	Helena	Nichols	00:53.17	00:54.50	01:47.67	00:36.54
17	Margie	Gregory	00:54.33	00:54.78	01:49.11	00:37.98
19	Lily	Verost	00:59.29	00:57.47	01:56.76	00:45.63
Kids' Slalom						
2	Matilda	Nichols	00:35.80	00:35.33	01:11.13	
4	Bradford	Alexander	00:39.32	00:38.70	01:18.02	00:06.89
14	Kellogg	Pettibone	00:48.12	00:49.47	01:37.59	00:26.46
15	Parker	Pettibone	00:50.38	00:50.16	01:40.54	00:29.41
19	Lily	Verost	00:59.29	00:57.47	01:56.76	00:45.63
20	Ethan	Verost	01:09.45	01:09.82	02:19.27	01:08.14

Mens' XC

1	John Tobin	13:37.00
2	Stephen Pettibone	17:09.00
3	Brooks Ware	18:49.00
4	Trey Gregory	19:01.00

Womens' XC

1	Kellogg Pettibone	17:30.00
2	Margie Gregory	19:46.00



John Tobin

Skimeister

1	Tobin	John
2	Ware	Brooks
3	Pettibone	Stephen

Skimeisterine

1	Pettibone	Kellogg
2	Gregory	Margie
3	Pettibone	Parker

Young Members Weekend

Hey everyone! It is your local MRG liftie here reporting about young members weekend. What a blast! **Emma Cammann, Phoebe Wilks, Dylan Kavookjian, John Parker Jr., Phoebe Stone, Emily Mooney**, and my sister **Katie Byrne** and I were able to represent the young members and have friends come enjoy the ASCNY experience. It was great to catch up and reunite with some people we hadn't seen in years. We were also able to meet other members we never crossed paths with when we were younger. I was talking to another older member before the weekend who was reminiscing with laughter and joy about his memories of young members weekend. It makes me excited to see young kids at the club hanging out and think that they will have this opportunity to connect when they're older. As group we played fun games, including charades and musical chairs, followed by a nice group dinner. My hope is next year we can have even more young members join! Hope everyone is staying safe. Can't wait for next year.

Best,
Emily Byrne



Young ASCNY Members' - Emma Cammann, Phoebe Wilks, Emily Mooney, Dylan Kavokjian, Emily and Katie Byrne, Phoebe Stone – missing, John Parker, Jr.



Members and their friends after a game of Charades

**Young Members – Interested in doing a fall hiking weekend?
Contact Jim Byrne and reserve a weekend now!**

Need to get away?

For those of us who have been cooped up since the truncated ski season (due to the Covid-19 outbreak) and are itching to get back to Vermont, think about the lodge as one of your destinations once things calm down with the pandemic. When we look back at this time of self quarantine and think about the positive parts of this challenging time, for me they were spending more time with family, playing games, reading and spending time outside taking long hikes together. It's a lot like an off-season weekend at the lodge!



The Raftery family on a hike last summer.

John McNally – Legacy Award recipient

*Below is an excerpt from John McNally's Legacy Award Acceptance speech given by his son, **Chris McNally**.*

For a man who had trouble sitting still and was forever looking forward over the next horizon for his next adventure, project, or challenge, it was and is telling that ASCNY and MRG held such sway over John. Here, there is a sense of place that is seldom found and almost impossible to define. But John found "It" here, or "It" found him, which I am not sure, but "It" was good.

Despite all the places John skied, he loved this valley and the club best and knew that MRG was just the place to get my boys, his grandchildren, Owen and Gavin, properly bitten by the skiing-bug. Numerous road trips, weekend ski programs and countless hours fetching and carrying my kids to MRG allowed him, once again to share his passion for skiing, and ASCNY.

He shared this club, this place, this mountain with family and friends when and how he could, as often as he could. Now, according to his wish, his ashes are scattered here.

As I said before, a sense of place it is not easily quantified, and maybe it shouldn't be... but ASCNY and MRG were his happy place, his favorite place, a place to which he always sought to return and where he and his memory shall endure.

We will keep skiing here as long as we can, sharing John's affinity for all the wonderful quirks and perks of MRG and our club.



Chris and Kristine McNally

*Additionally **Stephen Pettibone** shared the following with the ASCNY Board immediately after his service held at the ASCNY Lodge & MRG.*

I wanted to share with the Board that the celebration of John McNally this afternoon and evening was a wonderful event. More than 40 people gathered to ride the single chair and ski Antelope to Snail to remember John. As his daughter told me, his grandkids said one thing John really wanted to do was to ski this season, and so as a group, we took him for one final run. To help you visualize this, I'll paraphrase **Penny Parsons** who noted that with so many people heading down at the same time, it looked a lot like the Easter egg hunt (and with skiers of varying abilities, we were glad to have a member of the patrol with the group).

We stopped at John's favorite spot - the "knuckle" of snail, at the first large drop. Not sure if anyone here was aware, but John apparently never went anywhere (on skis?) without a flask of his favorite Pear Schnapps, and so we all raised a shot in his honor before Chris and his family scattered his ashes.

The reception at the lodge was well attended and a truly lovely way to end the day. Thanks to **Jim Byrne** and everyone else on the Board who helped to make this possible.

As **Chris McNally** said, if we could live a life as half as full as John's, we'd all be very lucky.



Jim Byrne and Margie Gregory wishing for more snow?



Multiple families and generations!

Are you one? Are you two? ...

The lodge is a great spot to celebrate birthdays. Two back to back weekends packed the lodge this winter to toast the birthday people and eat some cake. Above, **Jim Byrne** and **Margie Gregory** blew out the candles and shared cake with many friends and family members (**Byrne, Gregory, Clarke, Wilks, Stone, Hotchkiss, Pettibone, Ware and Gervase**). Below the multi-family (**Solwles, Ware, Yorke, Raftery, Ladd, Nunes and Maccaghren**), multi-generational dinner was followed by an epic kids vs. adults battle of charades.



Emily and Katie Byrne, Hayes Gregory and Bennett Ware seated at the "kids" table, AKA the Bar!



Multiple families and generations!



Children vs. adults in Charades

Club Crawl

At the same time that the Rockefeller Challenge was getting underway, the ski club community at the base of MRG was hosting a “Club Crawl,” open to members of any of the ski clubs. It was a chance to see the other clubs and meet their members. **Trey Gregory, Hooey Wilks, Gregg Stone, Rich Gervase** and **Sarah Carey** all met the organizers at the base box and headed off on our journey. Four clubs were opening their doors for the 50 or so who signed up for the event. We split up into 4 groups, so roughly 12 people at a time would be touring a club.

I was curious what other clubs looked like inside and had questions about how they handled reservations, etc. I only made it to two clubs, the Hartford and the Ramapo Club, because I wanted to catch some of the Rockefeller Challenge. It was really nice to meet more MRG fans and it’s always fun to know more people when standing in the lift lines or ordering a beer at General Stark’s. I was surprised to learn that the Hartford Club also had a history dating back to the 1930s as well. The clubs went out of their way to provide lots of food and beverages and it was no surprise that everyone we met were as much MRG groupies as our members!

Other members reported back with the following:

Rich Gervase learned that one of the clubs has an endowment from a now-deceased member that pays for free lessons to all the juniors.

Trey Gregory reported that he had a good conversation with the other clubs about how they handled the annual maintenance. Ramapo had a highly organized schedule of chores that the members were assigned each weekend along with mandatory work weekends. Some of the other clubs also had work weekends in the off-season to split wood, do painting and repair things. He brought up the success that the ASCNY had with our furniture fund and that seemed to get the most attention. His take away from the club crawl was that we all can benefit by getting together and sharing our problems and successes. It was also fun running into the other club members that he met on the crawl at General Stark’s while watching The Grift that night.



Save the Weekend!

Super Bowl watching in Montana?



I’m sure that as you read this you have a million and one things on your mind, with the remote possibility that one of them is skiing. I strongly believe in planning for the future in times when it’s hard to even picture when and how we will get back to normal. There is nothing like planning a ski trip in the future to perk things up!

Save the Date – Super Bowl Weekend for an adult loosely planned trip to Big Sky with an add on to Bridger Bowl. Rather than ask people to lock it down with hard dates and do a group booking, we are going to keep it loose. Some like hotels, others prefer condos. Some like to cook at home, others would rather eat out. This way, everyone can plan their ideal vacation with the dates that work best for them, but we can all ski together and enjoy some meals and après drinks! We will keep a central list of everyone’s plans so maybe we can share car rentals or shuttles.

Book your own airfare and hotels/condos with the dates around that weekend (Feb 6-7) that work best for you. Plan it alone or with another couple. We will work on some hotel, condo recommendations over the summer and provide more info this fall. We can meet up for lunch, ski some afternoons together, plan some group dinners and plan something for the Super Bowl viewing. Do you think the Grift does Montana bookings? For those interested in adding a few more days, we might look into tacking on two days at Bridger Bowl (just outside of Bozeman) before heading home.

Back when the world seemed normal, the **Wilks, Gregorys** and **Gervases** were all in. Hope we can get a big group. Let us know if you might be interested. If you want to go ahead and start some reservations, just remember to select trip insurance!

Rockefeller Challenge



Last minute strategy talk with father and son

Is it the equipment or the skill?

ASCNY was well represented in the winner's circle for the 2nd annual Rockefeller Challenge at MRG. The event description on MRG's website reads as follows: "Tucking race down the Practice Slope and up Rockefellers. It's a test of technique, aerodynamics, bulk, waxing and a wee bit of luck!" Awards are given to the furthest, the fastest and the best costume.

Before the event there was much excitement in the boot room about which skies, what wax, etc. **Brooks Ware** gave his son **Bennett** some last-minute advice, "Do NOT catch an edge!" I spoke with someone before the race who participated the year before and they said it was the scariest thing they have ever done and would not be entering again! In the end, Brooks took first for furthest (in the under 100 category) and **Andrew Carey** took 2nd place. The award was a youth football participant trophy! Just one more reason I love Mad River Glen.

No doubt there is skill involved (and a lot of courage!) but when we asked Brooks' his secret sauce? A pair of Dynastar G9s (length 206!) that only come out for special events. They were prepared onsite by Rick McCallister with a proprietary formula that can not be divulged!

This and That

In mid -February, ASCNY put forth a winning team for this year's Legacy Interclub Race. Four Clubs participated in this year's race, including ASCNY. We were the only team with racers under 18 and in our case, we had three racers under 18! Nice win!



*Bradford Alexander, Bobby and Matilda Nichols,
Kellogg Pettibone*



Be careful what you mention at a cocktail party...

By Andrew Carey

Last February, standing around the bar upstairs in the lodge, I mentioned to Penny Parsons that I would be interested in getting more involved with MRG. Before I knew it, I was talking to various folks about running for a Board position in the upcoming Co-Op election. For those that know me, Mad River runs in my blood. I have been playing on Stark Mountain and in the Amateur Ski Club since I was a young child. In running for the board, I hoped to offer a perspective of historical care and thoughtful progression. Mad River is at a real crossroads with funding to make real beneficial improvements, while preserving the spirit that make Mad River special. I am fortunate I was voted in and am joining a strong board and leadership team that understands the mountain's majesty and looks to keep that in intact for generations to come.

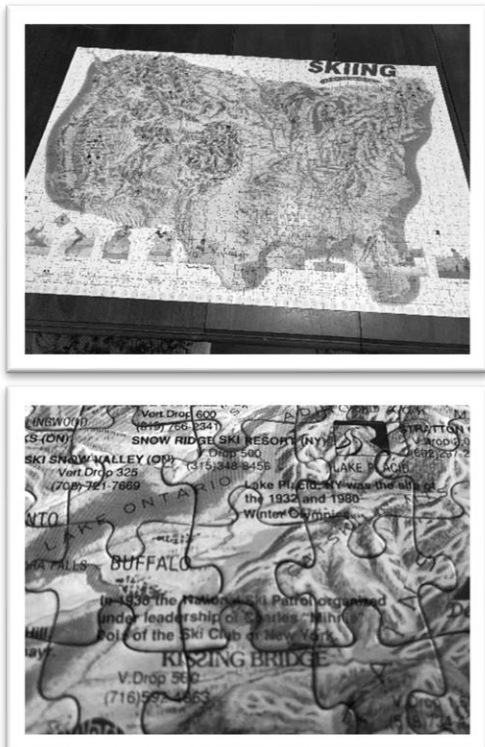
This and That

Skiing on the brain, while season is cut short.

Looking for ways to stay entertained while riding out a storm with no snow, we pulled out our favorite family puzzle to help pass the time. We hunkered down at home this past spring during the world-wide Covid-19 pandemic and got to work.

This 1,200+ piece puzzle from 1990 was painted by the talented James Niehues, painter of many of the ski resort trail maps. It is a great test of ski resort knowledge and geography with lots of Olympic and other fun facts scattered throughout. Every time we do this puzzle, I notice something different. This time, I learned that our club had a mention! "In 1936, the National Ski Patrol organized under the leadership of Charles "Minnie" Dole of the Ski Club of New York." Left out the "Amateur," but I knew who they were referring to!

When I posted a photo of our completed puzzle on social media, I received lots of messages about other interesting ski puzzles out there. One wrote, "I have one from my the 1960's or 70's from my family. It's round and shaped like pie pieces of famous ski runs around the country." I would love to see that one!



Shout out to Ken and Cissy Yorke

Not only did they spend their ski weekend taking down the old curtains, but they also rehung the new ones they purchased. If that was not enough, they cleaned the windows and wiped down all the sills and ceiling fan, tidied up the wood rack, painted the ceilings to get rid of the "blue lines left from the old alarm system," cleaned the kitchen shelves above the stoves, washed the utensil holders, threw out the very old spices and organized the toy shelves. Hip Hip Hooray for the Yorkes!

I've heard other members mention that they would be interested in participating in a work weekend and we learned that some of the other clubs require members to participate in one. I think it would be great if we had a volunteer weekend once a spring or fall. Anyone interested in organizing this?



Members hanging out on the new Birdcage deck. Brooks and Bennett Ware, Tasha Nagler, Win Hotchkiss and Ned Nunes



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Stay home now
so we can all
hike and ski at
Mad River later!



Thank you Ken and Cissy Yorke
for helping make the lodge
nicer for all of us!

Super Bowl Weekend in Montanta?

Read more about
it on page 9



Like all the race
weekend pictures you
see in this
newsletter?

Thank Andres
Pettibone next time
you see her!

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