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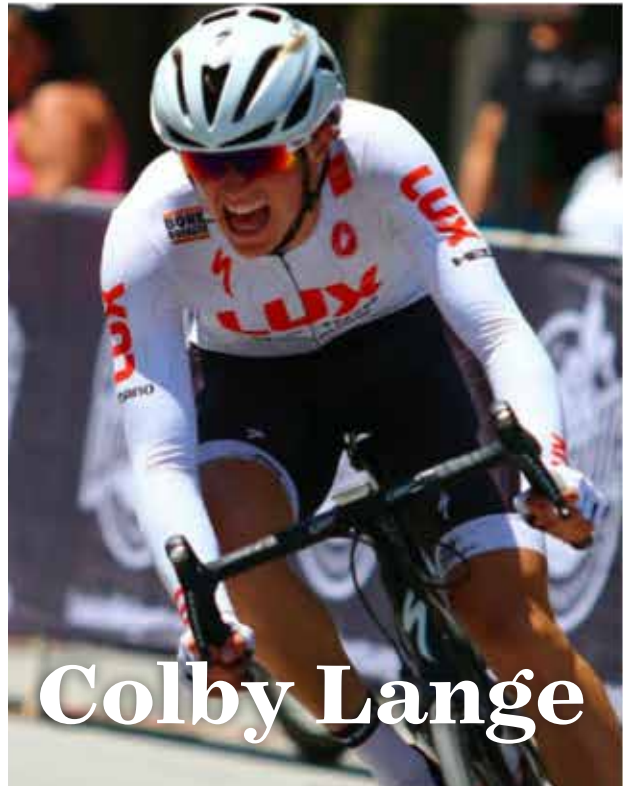


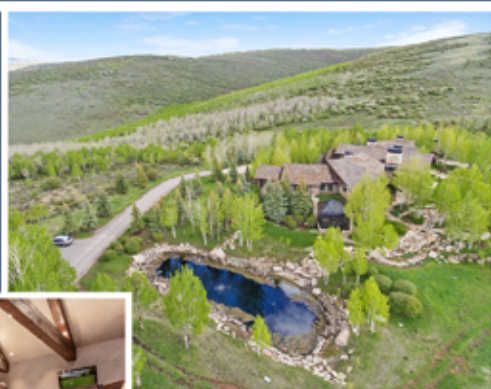
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Hello Residents!

Welcome to October! The lingering days of fall will soon give way to sure signs that winter is nearly upon us. I hope you all take time to enjoy this glorious season before the snow falls!

I can't resist: *INSIDE Singletree* has gone to the dogs! Riverwalk Periodontics generously hosted a Dog Day Afternoon in July which drew nearly 25 dogs and about 60 humans to Chip Ramsay Park. What fun was had by all! Rally courses and other activities were organized by Terena Thomas from Gypsum Canine School and her friendly and capable staff. With so many dogs to meet in the next few months, we start in in this issue and go from A to Z: from Aliah to Zara and Zuni!

I am very excited to introduce Colby Lange to you. Destined to be a skier, or so he thought, Colby has proven himself not only on the race course in GS and Super G but now on the cycling track as well. Colby is an incredibly talented athlete who humbly shares his journey from skiing in Zermatt every summer to competing on the track at the World Championships in Italy this summer. Keep your eye on this accomplished young man as his sights are set on the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo!

publisher's note

Speaking of travel, this issue also features a very unique photography workshop as experienced by Raymond Bleesz in Provence, France. In his words, this retreat proved to be one of the most intellectually challenging events in his career as a photographer. And Carol Giuliani and her church group excitedly share their mission trip to Cuba in May of this year; their journey is indeed eye opening to the realities of the real Cuba.

I hope you will enjoy these stories and many more in this issue of *INSIDE Singletree*! Enjoy your down-time ... winter is just around the corner!



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Active	931 Singletree Rd #4 (TH)	\$557,000	N/A	N/A	\$391.70	N/A	2	2 (1 1 0)	1422	Partial
Sold	1121 Berry Creek Rd #A1 (DU)	\$1,295,000	\$1,200,000	8/17/17	\$376.45	\$348.84	3	4 (2 1 1)	3440	No
Sold	35 Hereford Rd (SF)	\$1,195,000	\$1,175,000	8/28/17	\$340.55	\$334.85	4	5 (3 1 1)	3509	No
Sold	723 June Creek Rd #A (DU)	\$1,145,000	\$1,075,000	8/21/17	\$394.83	\$370.69	4	5 (4 0 1)	2900	Full
*Sold	751 Singletree Rd #4 (TH)	\$1,149,000	\$1,125,000	8/11/17	\$430.34	\$421.35	4	4 (1 3 0)	2670	Full
*Sold	931 Singletree Rd #8 (TH)	\$545,000	\$533,000	8/15/17	\$383.26	\$374.82	2	2 (2 0 0)	1422	Partial
Sold	260 Buckboard Rd #C2 (TH)	\$520,000	\$499,000	8/14/17	\$390.10	\$374.34	2	2 (1 1 0)	1333	No
*UC	261 Foal Cir (SF)	\$1,775,000	N/A	N/A	\$248.74	N/A	6	6 (5 0 1)	7136	No
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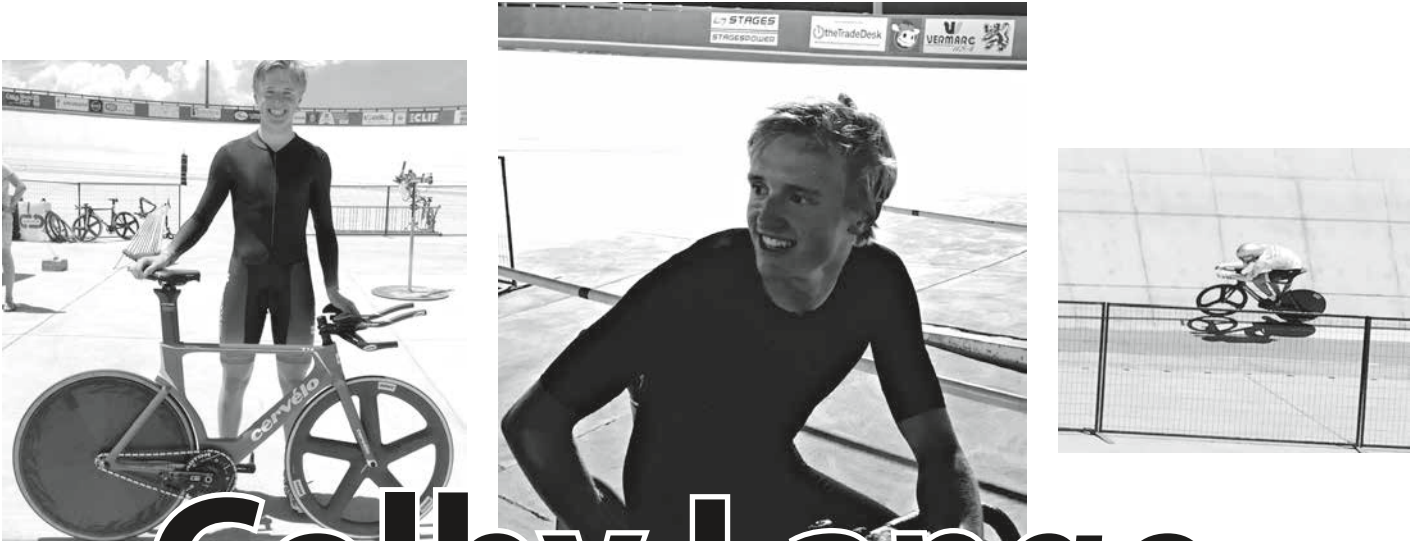
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Colby Lange
National Champion

Colby Lange was on the snow before the age of 2. Over the past 16 years, he has devoted his time and energy into becoming a national champion. His best events were in GS and Super G. “I always thought I would be a skier; there was no chance I would be interested in anything else,” Colby explains. “My dad (Peter Lange) was a coach and while I was growing up, he was working for a bunch of national teams pretty much full time in Europe. He came home when I was 7, to be with me. I joined Ski Club Vail when I was 10 and then Dad got back into ski coaching. Through him, I had the opportunity to ski with Team America, so I spent the summers skiing in Zermatt, Switzerland, every year, most years in Italy, many in New Zealand, and Chile a few times.”

Given his year round commitment to skiing, Colby had no intention of not skiing next year, but as it turns out, he has just turned down a nomination for the US Ski Team. What changed his mind? Colby admits that he may have skied too much last summer. He went on to have an acceptable winter season skiing NORAM, which is the highest level before World Cup. “By my standards,” Colby explains, “I had

a successful season with a bunch of good results sprinkled around that were good enough to make the Nationals at the end of the season.”

The plan for this year was to only focus on GS and a little bit of Super G; Colby confesses that he struggled with slalom this past season, by his standards, although it used to be his best event. To what does he attribute that? “I don’t know really,” he says thoughtfully, “but probably I was supposed to be a biker.”

Additionally, he shares that he is legally blind in his left eye, a condition he has had for years, which ultimately “may have been the beginning of the end”. He had surgery last fall to cure his keratoconus which is essentially a soft cornea that leads to warping. Following surgery, Colby asserts, “With contacts, I can see 20/30 which isn’t great, but it’s better than 20/400. I found myself staring at the base of the gates; it was impossible to be fluid down the course.”

So how did the passion for the bike come to be? A coach at Ski Club introduced Colby to Tyler Hamilton when

he was about 12. “I wasn’t racing, just training. And I really liked it without even having a goal,” Colby says, “I was racing in the spring, mainly for fitness for skiing.” He trained under Tyler Hamilton Training for about five years and then, in 2015, Colby won the Super G National Championship in skiing and in the same year, the Time Trial National Championship at Road Nationals at the age of 16. A remarkable double triumph in two seasonally apposed disciplines.

Despite being the best time trialist in the nation at that age, and having technically qualified to be invited to the Chule Vista training camp, he encountered heavy resistance from the US Cycling organization as a result of his status as a skier. Colby was dedicating his winter months to skiing, so rather than starting the cycling season in February, he was only riding for a couple of months each year, mid-April through June. Yet, with less than half of a training season under his belt, Colby Lange was winning time trials.

The day Colby won the Time Trial in 2015, he missed the awards ceremony as he boarded a flight the next day to ski in Switzerland for two weeks to be followed by six weeks in New Zealand. He returned after two months off the bike, put in three weeks of training and then attended the camp in Chule Viste. He placed in the top three in the power test, and second in mock races. “I thought it was

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Colby and Mom, Lauren



Colby and Big D



Colby and Ben Kooiman



Colby with his cousins, Raney and Madey



a pretty good performance,” he humbly admits. But his results were viewed by USA Cycling as strictly average and Colby concluded at the time, “So I guess I will be a skier.”

Despite his disappointment, and because he still liked cycling, the decision was made to continue training purely for fitness for skiing again. “We decided to go to the track – the velodrome - because it’s shorter efforts and more explosive and better training for skiing. It lines up really well with skiing and it’s fun. I really like the track,” explains Colby. “So I did some races and I did some times. We did not know how good they were, but apparently, they were really fast because the track cycling world came knocking at my door. Tons and tons of people were coming out of the woodwork.”

Colby left again at the end of June and did not ride again until September. Roy Nickman, the Director of Lux, a junior cycling team out of Southern California, contacted Tyler Hamilton when he heard about Colby’s results on the track. Roy was eager and excited to have Colby on the team, fully aware that Colby would continue his pursuit of skiing. The only requirement was that Colby ride Road Nationals. That opened the first door for Colby to focus on riding his bike full time.

This May, he attended a National Team Camp for Track Cycling, Project 2020, in Colorado Springs. He performed very well there and as Colby describes, “all of a sudden, agents are calling me, I was put in contact with pro teams and I am going to Junior Worlds in Italy in a couple weeks.”

“There wasn’t really a moment that I decided I wasn’t going to ski; and when I did my last race, I did not know it was my last race, but

I am really excited to be cycling full time.. It’s been super fun this summer and I am super excited.”

For the short term, or at least until 2020, Colby will be focused on track riding and racing as an elite endurance cyclist. He explains that USA Cycling and the United States Olympic Committee have invested heavily in developing a men’s pursuit team for Olympic track competition. The goal is to earn a medal in Tokyo (in 2020) and to win in Paris in 2024. He will be living at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

For those less educated in track racing, there are a million track events that take place on velodromes around the world. Colby’s best event is the Individual Pursuit, which is 3K long for his age group. At the Junior Worlds, he anticipates competing in four or five events, likely including the Individual Pursuit, the Team Pursuit, the Scratch race, and maybe the kilometer time trial, which may be his personal favorite.

Leading up to the Worlds, Colby spent two months competing with Lux in Milwaukee, Louisville, Belgium, Canada and with USA Cycling in Los Angeles. After winning in Milwaukee, the next day, he was leading the lap solo and crashed just shy of the finish line, just missing his chance at a second win. In Louisville, Colby took first place at the Criterium National Championships, followed by wins in the Team Pursuit and the Scratch race at Track Nationals in Los Angeles. Overall, a very solid performance over 27 races in 24 days.

As Colby contemplates the difference between skiing and cycling, he expresses a lack of anxiety in cycling, unlike his experience in



skiing. With extremely high expectations for himself, he says that other people’s expectations are higher for him in cycling than in skiing. “I am definitely having way more fun in cycling; it’s easier not being stressed out or worried about my next good result. I think I am a more talented cyclist and I feel like I am more in control with cycling.”

Colby rides under his own power on the track at about 41-42 miles per hour. He says “it’s not really scary; normally you are alone when you are doing that and it’s really motivating. You are bumping bars and rubbing elbows with guys; I crashed twice on that trip. If you are going to be a cyclist, it’s going to happen a bunch more times.”

Colby concludes, “I am not sure why I enjoy it but I do just like being on my bike. I think I am wired for it mentally. I like structured training which a lot of kids my age don’t like. That’s an advantage

for me. That’s why I think I can be competitive at a national level on two months of riding.”

For a young athlete, so accomplished, Colby is remarkably humble and unassuming. A close family friend, Linda Hall, sheds some light on Colby as a person. “Although I am a ski mom, I know very little about ski racing and even less about bike racing. So when I think of Colby, of course I know that he is a phenomenal athlete, but that is not what impresses me the most about him. His huge heart, patience, kindness and sense of humor are what impress me most about Colby. He has a unique gift of being able to lift those up around him and making others feel special. I can’t wait to see where this next chapter will take him.”

In his characteristically understated way, Colby wraps up our conversation by expressing, “I am excited to go full blast. And I am excited to see how it goes. It’s going to be really fun!”

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I enjoy doing agility since it is between me, my dog, and the clock. When Zuni was 2, he earned his Herding Instinct Certificate and we did do some sheep herding for a year or two but never competed. Zuni is full of fun and love and appoints himself as the social greeter where ever we go.

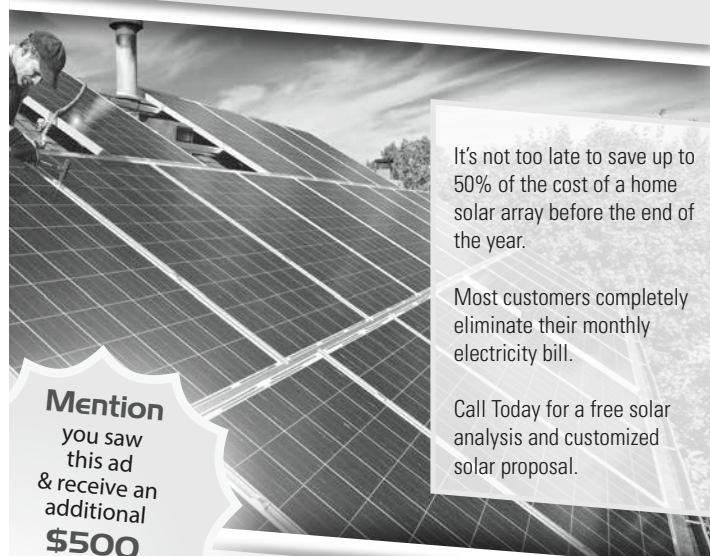
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my husband names them. There are two requirements (according to my husband) in giving a name to our new member. The name must start with a Z and contain a Buddy Holly song title. Hence, for Zara, Tahari's (the breeder's kennel name) Zara (means Princess) Peggy Sue (Buddy Holly Song) and Everyday (Buddy Holly Song) Zundapp (German motorcycle) V Hahns Peak (the breeder's kennel name) with the call name Zuni.

Both Zuni and Zara have their novice title in Barn Hunt (where they have to find live rats -- placed in a tube -- in a straw bale maze). When we are not competing, we enjoy hiking, car rides, and lots of hugs and kisses. Zara and Zuni are amazing dogs. The love we have for each other and the enjoyment we get out of doing activities together gives us an incredibly strong long lasting bond.

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Zara has been the Top AKC English Pointer for five years and won the American Pointer High Scoring Agility Championship Title when we attended the event in 2014 and 2017. She also won the Silver Medal in 2015 and the Gold Medal in 2016 at the Rocky Mountain State Game in her jump height.

At age 6, while hiking, Zara stepped on a sharp object and cut her right leg tendons. After a week of healing, she developed a flesh eating bacteria, which was slowly eating her skin and muscle on her right foot up to and including her dew claw. Finally, our veterinarian daughter, along with other specialists, got the infection and sores cleared up and after extensive physical therapy, nine months later we were back in the agility ring competing. Her right foot is not perfect since there is a lot of scar tissue and she sometimes walks with a slight limp, but it has not affected her speed on the course. Every year as both of us get older, we become a stronger team.



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who's making a difference



Doris Dewton, Singletree Resident, attends a Vail Symposium event



Dr. Pedro Noguera will speak on November 2



Rob Levine, Singletree Resident and former Chairman of the Symposium Board, with Mike and Sue Burton

The Vail Symposium

THE INTELLECTUAL VOICE OF THE VAIL VALLEY WITH CLOSE TIES TO SINGLETREE

Contributed by **James Ruh**, Singletree Resident

In 1971, the Vail Symposium was conceived as an annual “think tank” by then Town Manager, Terry Minger, to help formulate goals and ideas for making Vail a community, not just a resort. In the early years, the Symposium fostered the development of the Vail master plan and the formation of the Eagle Valley Forum. It was also the platform from which President Gerald Ford made a major energy policy speech in 1976. By 1987, Vail was an established resort community and the Symposium separated from the Town of Vail and became an independent non-profit organization providing educational programs that were designed to be thought provoking, diverse and affordable for the entire Vail Valley.

Over the past 46 years, the Vail Symposium has evolved to where it is today – a leader in the community that appeals to the Valley’s intellectually curious thinkers and has sparked discussion about the world’s most critical topics for the benefit of an informed society. Some of the past speakers have been: John Lindsey, then mayor of NYC; Robert Redford; Tom Brokaw; Gary Hart; Ayann Hirsir

Ali, author of “Infidel”; Jack Kemp; Sam Donaldson; environmental scientist Amory Lovings, sportscaster Bud Palmer; David Rubinstein; Barney Frank; and many more. The Symposium has featured series with diverse topics, such as Cultural Arts, Unlimited Adventures, Hot Topics, Living At Your Peak and two film series.

While the Symposium serves the entire Vail Valley, with events held at venues ranging from the Grandview Room in Lionshead to Colorado Mountain College in Edwards, it has always had a special connection to Singletree. A substantial portion of the Symposium’s audiences, perhaps as much as 50 percent, have always come from Edwards and from Singletree in particular. Three of the last four Chairmen of the Symposium’s Board, Rob LeVine, Jim Ruh and Rohn Robbins, all live in Singletree. Furthermore, many other Singletree residents have played important roles as Board Members or volunteers for the Symposium including Doris Dewton, Sandy Donnelly, Jan Broman, Priscilla O’Neil, Gary Cage, Myrna Sigman, John and Jamie Stone, and Susan Mackin Dolan to name a few.



A display of wines from Barolo winemaker Chiara Boschis who led us “Beyond the Bottle” on July 11, 2017.

Today, the Vail Symposium is as vibrant as ever under the leadership of its new Executive Director, Kris Sabel, and current Chairman Dale Mosier. Kris spent 17 years as the Executive Director of the Vilar Performing Arts Center in Beaver Creek where he brought top musical talent and other performing art acts to the Valley. He is now using his talents to attract speakers on a diverse range of topics for the Vail Symposium and for the benefit of the community.

The Vail Symposium’s programs are inexpensive and in some cases free in order to be affordable to the entire community. Thus, the Symposium relies almost exclusively upon donations and sponsorships to bring these programs to the community.

Join us on November 2 when Dr. Pedro Noguera, Ph.D. will deliver the keynote address for “Educate! 2017 Equity and Deeper Learning” along with a panel of local, regional and statewide education experts to discuss issues and strategies in education that apply to our community.

For more information about the Symposium, it’s upcoming winter programs and opportunities for sponsorships, volunteering and donations please go to www.vailsymposium.org.



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the mustang minute

Beau and Lily Suman are brother and sister and are both attending Stone Creek Charter School; Lily is a new student this year. Their parents are Mike and Tarrah Suman, and they have a cockapoo puppy named Weezy. Here they share their wide range of interests, activities and experiences.



BEAU SUMAN

AGE: 9

GRADE: 4

FAVORITE SCHOOL SUBJECT: My favorite subject is math.

BEST SCCS MEMORY SO FAR: Going to the sleepover at the Denver Museum.

MOST INTERESTING SCCS PROJECT AND WHY? The Vikings project because I got to learn about how the Viking myth began and learned about what they wear and got to dress up like them when I presented my project to my classmates.

FAVORITE ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL: Golf, trampoline class, basketball, skiing, snowboarding, and traveling.

VERY BEST THING ABOUT SCCS: The teachers really care about the students and don't allow any bullying.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED FOR THIS YEAR AT SCCS? Getting to go on the Monument trip.

BEST VACATION EVER: Going to Costa Rica because I got to have a monkey sit on my shoulders, zip line and stay in tree houses for a couple of nights.

I LOVE LIVING IN SINGLETREE BECAUSE: It's calm and peaceful and I get to live next to the golf course and belong to the Sonnenalp club.

WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO: have a good job so I make enough money to travel around the world.

LILY SUMAN

AGE: 11

GRADE: 6

FAVORITE SCHOOL SUBJECT: Science

BEST SCCS MEMORY SO FAR: My favorite memory so far at SCCS (this is my third day at this school) is the rafting trip to the Upper Colorado.

MOST INTERESTING SCCS PROJECT AND WHY? It's my first year and I haven't done any projects yet, but I am excited for the activities that I will be doing in my Enrichment Program- Rock Climbing.

FAVORITE ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL: I like to play volleyball, dance at VPAA, sing, swim, ski and rock climb.


VERY BEST THING ABOUT SCCS: I love how serious and dedicated the school is to our education.




WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED FOR THIS YEAR AT SCCS? I am most excited about the enrichment classes this year. The first session, I am doing rock climbing, but SCCS also has other cool programs like student government and forensic science.

BEST VACATION EVER: Costa Rica. We went zip lining and horseback riding when we were there. It was awesome.

I LOVE LIVING IN SINGLETREE BECAUSE: Everyone here is so nice and four of my best friends live here.


WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO: I want to go to the Amazon Jungle, become a great dancer, have a Newfoundland puppy and live to see another eclipse.




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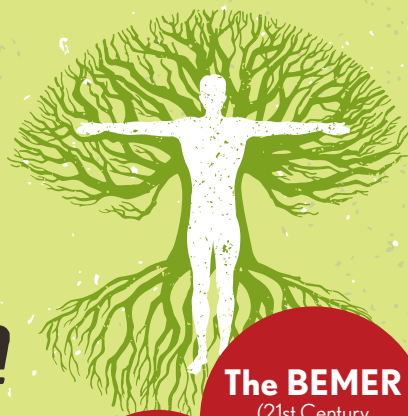


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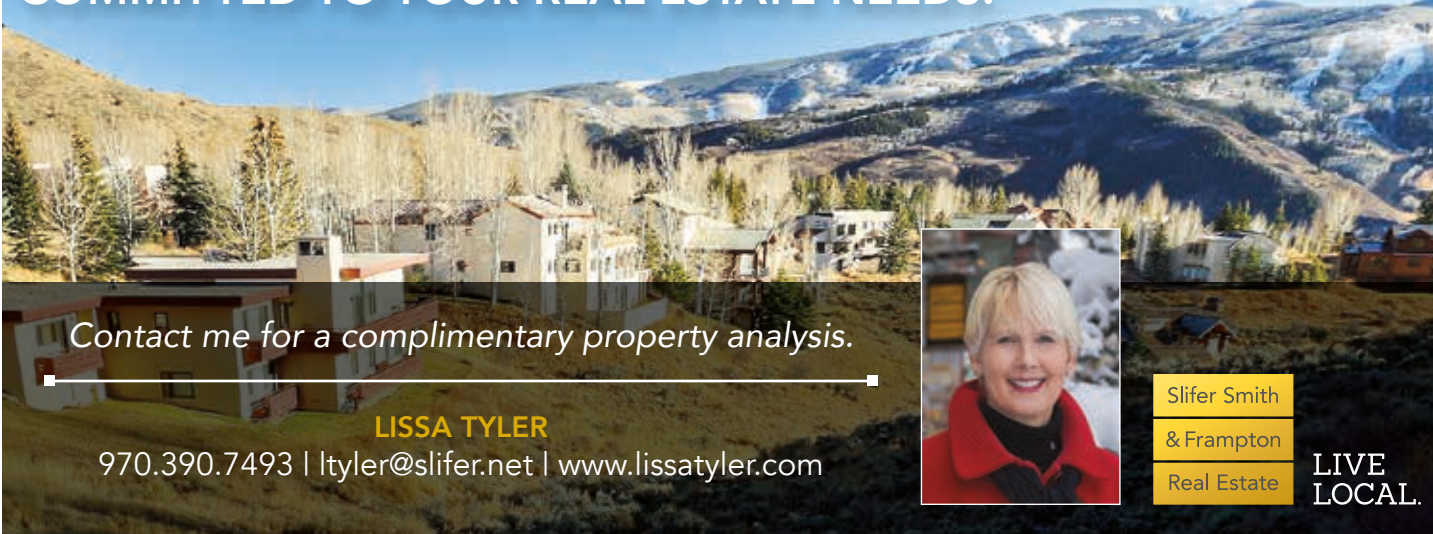
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The Berry Creek Metro District and Singletree Property Owners' Association Board of Directors meet monthly on the fourth Thursday at 3 pm. The minutes of these meetings can be found at www.singletreetoday.com.



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A Step Back in Time

A VAIL VALLEY CHURCH GROUP BRINGS ITS MESSAGE TO CUBA

Contributed by **Carol Giuliani**, Singletree Resident,
and Written by **Allie Decent**, Singletree Resident

As I walked into Carol’s Persimmon Woods townhouse, I am greeted by eight happy faces and Cuban coffee in the largest mug I have ever seen! The gathering here is so wonderfully American, so completely safe and accepting. The group from Gracious Savior Church, a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri-Synod, is excited to get started and tell me all about their mission trip to Cuba in May 2017. I never thought that this coffee hour would turn into two hours, nor would I believe had you told me that this conversation would challenge and change my preconceived notions of what life is truly like in Cuba and that evangelism there is more like humanitarianism.

Carol Giuliani is a Singletree resident and a member of the church group from

this valley that made it their mission, the last three years, to change the lives of Cuban’s through their travel to spread the word of the gospel. “The government wants to be perceived

“It’s like stepping back in time,” “In 1959, everything stopped. Tourism is the primary capital, they want to promote a Cuba that looks attractive to the tourists, but hide the real Cuba. ”

as God, and they want to keep their people living below the poverty line, and many people are paid informants to the government,” sighs Pastor Jason. As an example, while in the home with

his parents present, a child was given one piece of candy from the group. The government then came into the home to question the group thoroughly due to that “incident.” But how can that be so? How can a government act that way and restrict its people so much that even religion is not allowed because it is “free thought?”

“The Cuban government wants to be seen as the only provider for its people,” muses Stacey Jones, the most vocal of the group. “It’s just so sad to see how little they have. The contrast to what they don’t have and what we have is so different. They have so little, but they are willing to give so much. I was shell-shocked when I got back. I expected to feel sorry for them, but I really felt sorry for us, because we aren’t grateful.”

In essence, this idea of cultural reflection was what really stuck with the mission group. They find that religions make the message of humanity complicated and segregating, and traveling to Cuba reinvigorated



Members of Gracious Saviour Church participating in the mission trip to Cuba (L to R): Carol Giuliani, Julie Nelson, Pastor Jason Haynes, Janie Cliver, Jan Attoma. Nate Hall, Ann Swanstrom and Stacey Jones



each individual to focus on their own religion’s humanitarian concept. “Information is inaccessible there,” says Nate. Carol follows up stating that the people they visited would ask them intellectual questions, things they couldn’t ask their friends, family or neighbors because someone might be working for the government. Knowledge is terrifying to the Cuban government and religious ideas fall under that dangerous category.

In order to get into Cuba as missionaries preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, the group went through an international unnamed agency that shares Jesus around the world, specifically in countries very restricted and poverty-ridden. Although churches are legal in Cuba, the government has not issued a permit for a new church building since Castro took over. The one exception is that a new Catholic church was allowed to be built right before Pope Francis visited in Sept. 2015.



Under these circumstances, there are groups of Christian Cubans who have held onto religion as a way to gather together in their homes legally. These home churches are one of the only ways that the community can meet and greet, exchange ideas, and feel safe. I reflected again on how much I take for granted that Carol’s house (and every party I attend in America, really) would be a safe place and a nice time to get to know people. The Cuban’s don’t have that cultural idea of safety anymore because no one can be trusted.

According to what the group observed while in Cuba, the Cubans are truly a suffering people. “The propaganda is all about Castro. Coming from such a commercial society, we have advertising everywhere, but there you see nothing. All you see in public places is government propaganda. When you are in school, the government tells you what you will be,” fumes Nate. The

concept of upward mobility is very limited and very foreign to us Americans and the democratic world. There is no system for free enterprise; the group also learned that for Cubans, the tax rate is 80% for private business owners.

Excerpts from Pastor Jason Haynes’ summary provides a great understanding of what life there is like. “There’s a lot of boredom there. People aren’t doing anything. People would like to work, but there is no work there, and they can’t just move to a city where there is work. There’s a regional neighborhood manager, who is responsible for knowing where everyone is in their district. If someone was caught, out of their district, they would call the neighborhood manager and ask who they are. There’s no path out of where they are. All of the beef is owned by the government, and it’s just for tourists. I asked one woman, who was at church, where her husband was and she said, ‘If he leaves the farm and a cow dies or is stolen, he will be put into jail for 20 years.’ You would think they are angry and miserable, and stingy, but they are not. They have bonded as a community and they kind of just laugh at the government as a community.

...

Because they understand how important those relationships are, they get the relationship with God."

The group met with 632 people in only four days of time, breaking through the thick walls of fear to let the light in. "When we talk about hope, the personal relationship with Jesus and trusting God fully with their lives, those are hard concepts," says Stacey. "They are worried about getting food for their family and whether or not people are sick in the family... It comes down to God wanting to give you his peace, in his mind heart and soul, and no matter what you are going through you will have peace. That's a huge part of it, something that we have to define. What does God's love, guidance, and protection really mean for the people of Cuba? Peace and Grace."

In closing, Pastor Haynes emphasizes that, in spite of the many hardships the average Cuban faces, the people there are incredibly kind and gracious. "We are warmly welcomed into nearly every home we visited. When we leave a home, it was most often with lots of hugs and kisses on the cheek. It really is a beautiful country with incredible people toiling under very challenging conditions."

Would you like to learn more, raise money, or participate in next year's trip? Each person's costs hover around \$3,000, so Gracious Savior Lutheran Church, Missouri-Synod welcomes individual contributions. A fundraiser at Julie Nelson's Ranch raised \$24,000 on August 27th this year. Please contact Pastor Jason Haynes at Gracious Savior Church if you would like to participate.



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I got the nickname "Miss Congeniality" at puppy class. I was so happy and I wouldn't stop playing with the others. They thought I was crazy but who doesn't love playing with puppies?! Unfortu-

nately, that got me put in timeout ... more than once! That hasn't put a damper on my friendly demeanor though.

I have a pretty interesting life full of little adventures. My human siblings are ski racers and I get to go watch some of their races. That's really cool! Plus, I love to chase skiers. Win-win! However, mom doesn't seem to find the same joy in that. Boy, did I get yelled while chasing them and pulling her down in the process! My parents said I have to stay home until I learn to behave. No problem.

I pacify myself by remodeling the house. Chewing the stairs, destroying toilet paper rolls, rearranging towels and other items to make it look like snow. Snow is so fun to play in and I am not about to miss out because they won't bring me along. I've also taught myself how to open the doors. They caught me on the cameras letting myself out recently. You would think they would appreciate that but I'm not so sure they do.

I get to Denver often but between you and me, I loathe going. We still have a house there. It's for sale and I've been told I can't mess it up. It has a huge yard but it's so boring! I always look forward to getting back here as fast as I can. Living in Singletree is amazing! Every day I see my bird friends and other critters out and about. The deer are my favorite pals. I also keep excellent watch on all the neighbors. I love the views, the trails and walking around the neighborhood. The only thing I don't like are those big green cans. They scare me to death! I sure do appreciate the community rule regarding those pesky things only being out for a short time on trash day. Paws up on that!




Speaking of Singletree. Did you go to the Dog Day event? I did and had the time of my life! I met so many new fur buddies. I played tug of war with a French Bulldog. That was a blast! I tried the sniffing game for treats. According to the trainer, I'm not a bloodhound. Oh, really? Little did he know, I just don't find it necessary to work for my treats. That evening, my mom forced me to try the obstacle course. My family laughed at me the entire time. That was embarrassing and one of the reasons I continued to rebel. I showed them by not completing one stinkin' obstacle.

However, I pulled it together for the relay race. What a great team! We kept our humans in line and on a speedy pace for the win. See, I'm smarter and more coordinated than I look. My prize for being on the winning team was a collapsible water bowl. That sure has come in handy. We went on the Missouri Lakes hike yesterday. I was able to drink all the water I wanted. Thanks Happy and JP Power for telling my parents about that hike. I need to work on my cardio before I do it again though! Living in Singletree and having the ability to take advantage of all the Valley has to offer is my dog-gone favorite!

Hey, one last thing, if you see my parents and me around the neighborhood, please say hello. They are nice folks, even though they say I am not the best behaved. I say, "I'm just enthusiastic to see you!"

From my Alaia adventures to yours, have a paw-some fall! -Alaia

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The front page of a book Bleesz created for his Retreat members using iPhoto on his Mac.



Self portrait taken in 2008.



An example from the Latino Series taken over several years with a 4x5 camera, strobe lighting with a makeshift backdrop using now extinct, Polaroid T55 Positive/Negative Film.

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In today's social media/internet digital world, photography has never been as easy as it is today; hence photography workshops/tours are appealing, the purpose of which is to perhaps make you a better photographer.

Contributed by **Raymond Bleesz**, Singletree Resident

I bring to your attention a very unusual photographic workshop, The Photography Master Retreat in Esperon, France, in Provence at a small hameau, a hamlet of buildings North of Montpellier in the Parc National des Cevennes. In its fourth edition, The Photography Master Retreat is uniquely different in that it stresses not technical mastery of the camera, nor capitalizing on the Provence location. The Retreat already assumes you are an accomplished photographer. Instead, the emphasis of the workshop is on Reflecting on one's trajectory as an artist, Rethinking one's projects, and Refocusing on a clearer direction utilizing the Mentors offered by this Retreat and interaction of all.

I just completed the Master Retreat with 11 other talented photographers. They are: Linnea Backe, Norway; Linda Rutenberg, French Canadian; Loki Kantor, Fort Worth; Peggy Anderson, NYC; Parish Dobson, Boston; Hilary Duffy, NYC; Sara Tamiz, Iran/Australia; Elsa Beaumont, France; Ellen Carey, NYC/Hartford; Wolfgang Strassl, Germany; Malte Ohlers, Denmark. A common trait emerged amongst us as "artists" during the week long workshop which might be identified perhaps as "Angst, Ennui, Weltschmerz", a personal sense of searching in our work. I felt deeply honored to be selected by the Mentors to be amongst such participants, and perhaps I rate this workshop as one of the most intellectually challenging events in my career as a photographer.

The Mentors are well known in the photographic industry/arts/learning institutions. The Founder/photographer/

instructor at the International Center of Photography (ICP-NYC) is Madame Martine Fougerson, also the author of "Teen Tribe". Her family owns several dwellings in the petite hameau, our Retreat or haven. Elisabeth Biondi, a Mentor, is an independent curator, formerly Visuals Editor of Geo Magazine, Vanity Fair, New Yorker as well as a teacher & a photographer. She excels in "editing" and "story telling". Mentor Lyle Rexer, is a critic, writer, author (The Edge of Vision, The Rise of Abstraction in Photography), instructor at the School of Visual Arts, NYC, an Oxford graduate who is astutely able to make comparisons in literature and in photographs. A notice is made to Zak Krevitt, former CU student, now of NYC, who was the Retreat's IT Director and without his services and his technical know-how, our presentations et al would have been less. He himself photographs "event happenings in city life".

The weeklong Retreat was intensive one-on-one interaction, large group interaction and centered on the "pods of four participants with a Mentor". Projects were introduced, analyzed, altered, rejected, re-organized by pod participants/Mentors. The ultimate goal was to emphasize our "self-actualization", the realization or fulfillment of one's talents, potentialities, drive or need as photographers & in our photographic work. At the end of the workshop, each of us was re-

quired to present a final project, an artist statement and a declaration of our future aims/goals.

For my project, I presented a sampling of my 41-year retrospective of photographic work documenting the West, Scenics & Portraiture. All black & white prints, my project was entitled: "Man's Landscapes, Man at Work, Remnants of Man, His Place in the Environment". I have been documenting the West, specifically the Rocky Mountain region, since 1976. I consider myself a Histogrammer/Photographer, and on many occasions there is an undercurrent of dry humor in my photography. The photographic work of Walker Evans and Michael Disfarmer are similar in style.

This photographic Retreat or workshop was most rewarding and intellectually challenging. The camaraderie we developed, the support which was offered to one and all, and the reaffirmation of being a working artist, was paramount. We all felt rejuvenated and more focused. We exchanged working prints and addresses. We have become loyal to one another and will continue to be supportive of one another.

The Retreat ended the evening of July 14th, Bastille Day. We celebrated in the petite hameau, with an exquisite meal, champagne and dancing until the wee hours of the morning. The hameau, the valley below, rang with laughter, music and celebration. The Retreat: C'est Remarkable, c'est Formidable et c'est Superb!



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Cuteness Overload

kids' corner

Contributed by **Nicole Janssen**, Singletree Grandchild and
Written by **Allie Decent**, Singletree Resident

Welcome Readers! This month we met Nicole, who stays with her Grandma Sarah and Papa Clint Janssen in Singletree during the summer and sometimes during school breaks. She turned 4 this summer. Though she was shy during our interview, we appreciate that honesty, because kids are just so darned cute.

Do you have a pet?

My grandma has pets. She has two kitties, Zuka and Nya. They are nice.

What is your favorite activity to do in the summer?

Ride my bike. I like to go to the park and the pool.

Who do you like to play with when you are here?

I like Mac, he's my friend. We built a special house for the lizard we found at the park. We gave him marshmallows.

What is your favorite toy?

I like Lamby and Speedy the hippo. I cuddle them when I come visit.

If you could change one thing in the world what would you change?

I have no idea.

What advice do you have for adults?

Don't go to work.

What's your favorite movie of all time?

Beauty and the Beast.

What is something you want to share that you did this summer?

I colored my hair purple when I went to a Rockies game!

What do you love about your grandparents living here in Singletree?

I like the lawnmowers on the golf course. I like skiing. I ski with Mac. The hippopotamus is my favorite animal. They are very fast. And they are cute. I saw a hippo this summer, at the carousel.

Thank you, Nicole, for talking with us! We hope that you have a fun preschool year in Denver and we will see you wheeling around on your big girl bike!



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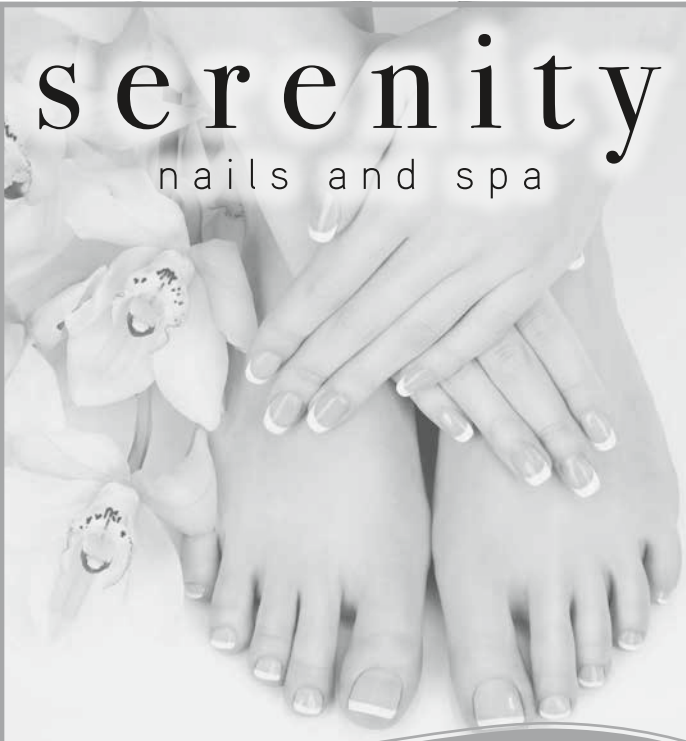


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Contributed by Jim Miller, Director of Golf Club Operations

Big Tournament Golf Returns to Singletree! Sonnenalp Hosts the 81st Colorado State Amateur Championship

The Singletree neighborhood and the Sonnenalp Club have a long history of holding both national, and Colorado, major golf championships.

In 1985, Brandt Jobe from Littleton, an eventual PGA Tour veteran and now playing well on the Champions Tour, won the Colorado State Amateur, at the Singletree Golf Club, with a four-day total score of 5 over, 289. At the time, Brandt was a junior at UCLA. His State Amateur victory here in Edwards was one of his final amateur events before eventually turning pro.

In 1987, Sonnenalp hosted the prestigious USGA Jr. National Amateur Championship. In the finals of this match play event, Brett Quigley defeated J. Billheim on the 17th hole to take the victory. Quigley went on to have a distinguished PGA career winning over 8 million dollars in career earnings.

The Colorado Open called Singletree and Sonnenalp home from 2001 to 2002. Kevin Stadler, son of the “Walrus”, Craig Stadler, took home the crown in 2002. In 2001, the Colorado Open’s James Blair, set the Sonnenalp course record of 63, which still stands today.

Despite this rich history, championship golf had not had an Edwards, Colorado address for over 15 years ... until now. This August 3rd through the 6th Sonnenalp Club hosted the 81st Colorado State Amateur Championship. 84 of the best amateurs from around the region descended on Singletree and the spectacular Sonnenalp Club to see who would emerge with the “best in the state” title. It’s always a great mix - College Golfers, High School superstars, great

Mid-Ams (players 25-49 years of age) and even some incredibly talented seniors. This was a huge honor for Sonnenalp to be chosen to host the Colorado Golf Association’s premier event of the year.



This year’s Colorado State Amateur Champion was Glenn Workman from Pueblo. Glenn will be starting his senior season at the University of Wyoming and was also the Wyoming State Amateur Champion for 2017. Glenn has the rare distinction of holding two state amateur titles in the same year!

Glenn’s four-day total was 6-under, 278. After his two-shot victory, he had nothing but great things to say about Sonnenalp. “What a rich history this course has,” Workman noted. “Hosting Colorado Opens, hosting this tournament before. It’s a golf course that you have to hit it well. It’s not something where you can just overpower it. That was my advantage today because I don’t hit it long off the tee. This course you’ve got to hit it well off the tee and putt it well.”

The Sonnenalp Club’s own, and Vail Valley locals, Mark Zbrzezny and Billy Iverson, both played beautifully in the event. Both, not only made the cut and played on the weekend, but both finished in the top 30 and are exempt for next year’s State Amateur. Chris Devens, also from Sonnenalp, qualified his way into the tournament through one of seven different qualifiers around the state. Congratulations to Mark, Billy and Chris!

With the success of the 81st Colorado State Amateur, I know Singletree and Sonnenalp will see major tournament golf again in Edwards very soon.

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