

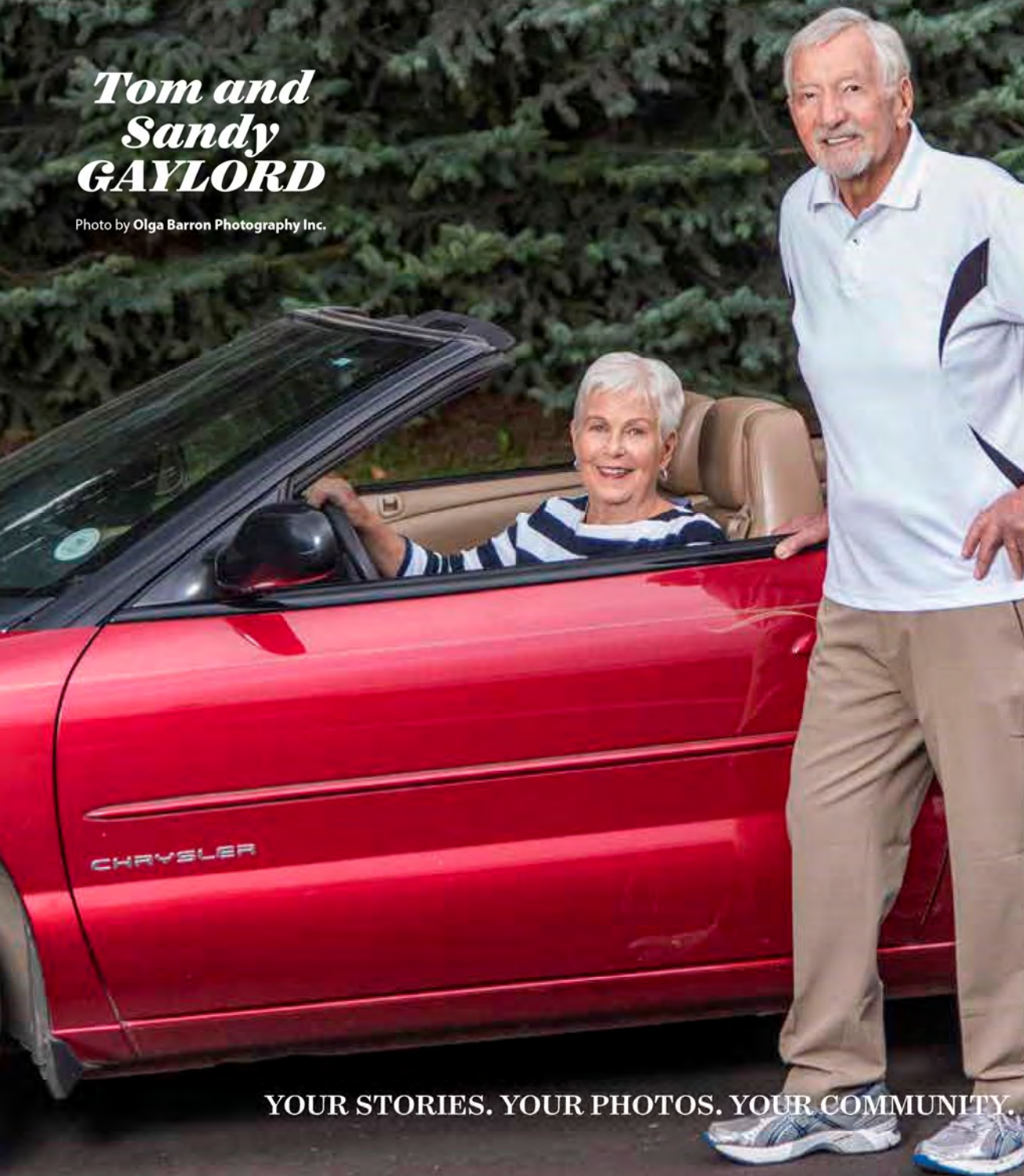
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publisher's note

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful fall! While October has been thought to be "off season," presumably a time to take a breath, *Singletree* never seems to slow down. This month, I am delighted to introduce you to your friends and neighbors who never stop going!

Meet Tom and Sandy Gaylord, who personify the quintessential spirit of Vail. With a history of involvement in the Vail Nature Center, the first Rubber Duck Races, and the Golden Bear, this dynamic couple has helped to shape our Valley into what it is today. And by the way, they haven't slowed down yet.

The kids in *Singletree* are into big air, speed and the stage! That means everything from BMX racing to DockDogs competitions. It is so fun to introduce you to these talented and motivated kids!

Steve Holden shares insight into what it takes to put on the Birds of Prey World Cup Races and encourages you to consider offering your time and energy to this world-class event in our own backyard. And as many know, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and in this issue, you will learn what the VVBCA group does to make lives easier for those battling the disease.

I hope you enjoy these stories and more this October! Please consider contributing an article to future issues of *Inside Singletree*; your neighborhood magazine would not be possible without you!



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Tom and Sandy Gaylord

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Singletree residents Tom and Sandy Gaylord personify the spirit of the Vail Valley. Although both came to the sport of skiing and to the Valley later in life, they serve as shining models for how to live an active life of sport, sociability and service. Both Tom and Sandy originally came to the Valley through their association with the Over the Hill Gang (OTHG), the legendary ski group founded at Copper Mountain in 1976 for skiers aged 50+.

Neither Tom nor Sandy had much skiing experience before joining OTHG. Although Tom grew up in Massachusetts near the Bousquet Mountain ski resort, he had little interest in skiing as a young man and later was too busy working in Chicago in the landscaping business until his children pressured him in to take them to learn the sport at a ski area near Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Sandy's experience was similar. She also grew up near a ski area in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, but had little interest in skiing at that time; instead, she focused on figure skating at the Hershey Ice Rink and on nearby ponds during the winter months. Her experience on the ice proved extremely helpful when she discovered skiing in her 50s, finding herself single and an empty nester. By chance, she was renting from a woman who was a ski instructor at the Roundtop Mountain Resort and was gently pressured into taking lessons from her and to make her proud.

Both Sandy and Tom grew to love the sport and signed up for an OTHG trip to Vail in 1983. It was this trip that marked the beginning of their great adventure. Sandy, who was proud of her fashion sense, complimented Tom on how well his ski sweater



suiting his coloring, and things moved forward, albeit slowly, from there. It wasn't exactly love-at-first-sight, however—they initially connected only once a year on the annual OTHG trip to Vail. The attraction must certainly have been there, though, because when Sandy decided to move from Pennsylvania to Colorado in the spring of 1990, Tom followed shortly thereafter.

Sandy first lived in Breckenridge, whereas Tom settled in Eagle Vail. However, they both worked at Pepi's. Sandy, with her strong interest in fashion, worked in the ladies' boutique and Tom worked in the ski shop. With that proximity and with the aid of many shared lunch breaks, their romance moved into high gear. By the winter of 1990, they moved together to the Sun Ridge (now called Liftview). Condominiums in Avon and lived there until 1996 when it had doubled in price, which allowed them to move to their current home in the Stonehaven Condominiums in Singletree.

The team of Tom and Sandy would quickly become a force to be reckoned with in the Vail Valley. Each of them brought a wealth of experience with them when they relocated. Sandy had earned a degree in physical education at Skidmore College and with many years of teaching experience in both private and public schools in Pennsylvania. Sports had always been a part of her life. Tom, a graduate of Syracuse with a degree in Environmental Science and Forestry, used his training to work with the U.S. Forest Service in Oregon and with fire crews in Arizona before relocating to Chicago to start a landscaping business. He also founded a Chicago chapter of the OTHG. Sandy's love of sport and Tom's love of the outdoors became the driving forces behind the path their lives would take in Vail.

Both Tom and Sandy rapidly became active participants in local life. Tom volunteered as a Redcoat (now "National Ski Patrol Mountain Hosts") on Vail Mountain while working fulltime for the Vail Recreation Department at the Nature Center near Ford Park for 20 years. While with the Nature Center, he started the hiking program, which continues to this day, and worked to stage the very first Rubber Duck Race as a fundraiser for that organization. The Duck Race was later turned over to the Vail Rotary Club, which is still using the finish-line funnel that he built. Meanwhile, Sandy continued her career in retail fashion moving from Pepi's to Scotch on the Rockies and finally retiring from the Golden Bear after working the Beaver Creek store with friend and manager Joan Packer.

Upon retirement, Tom's involvement with the Nature Center expanded as he worked with Kim Langmaid to merge the Nature Center into the Walking Mountains Science Center and served on its first Board of Directors. Not one to be left behind, Sandy also became involved with the Nature Center and Walking Mountains and was their #1 volunteer. She especially enjoyed using the skills she developed as an elementary school teacher by working with the younger students in such activities as Kids' Day Camps, fly fishing school and beaver pond tours. They are particularly proud to report that every elementary school student in Eagle County had been to the Nature Center by the end of third grade. Years ago, Tom, along with Ken Neubecker, was also instrumental in starting the River Clean Up Volunteers, which is now in its 20th year. ...



... yet to slow down. They are still skiing despite the fact that Tom recently recovered from a separated shoulder and Sandy from a broken pelvis. Nothing stops these two, but they report that they have recently decamped to Ski Cooper, where the runs are friendlier and the skiing is free for patrons over 80. Sandy can also be seen regularly at the Pilates class at the Singletree Community Center. They also enjoy being proud parents and grandparents: Sandy has three children and a grandson who will be playing baseball for East Tennessee State, and Tom has two daughters and a granddaughter who has worked with him at the Nature Center.

In reflecting on their active and productive lives in the Vail Valley, both agree that the best and most rewarding part has been the interesting and supportive friends they have made. When asked whether they would ever consider leaving Singletree for retirement living at a lower altitude, their answer is "Heck no! We already spent our money on a red convertible!"

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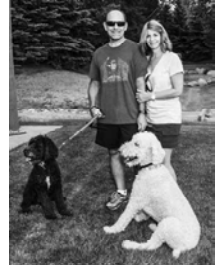
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Now 7, Jay Holton (116) has been racing BMX since he was 4 years old and intends to continue for many years. He enthusiastically proclaims, "My favorite thing about BMX is getting big air and learning from our coaches Bjorn and Jonah." Big brother, Knox (137), is 11 years old and recently won his 10th first place trophy, moving him into the Intermediate category. He echoes his younger brother's enthusiasm, "I love BMX because it pushes me to get better on my bike."

So what all does Eagle County BMX entail? The races consist of three heats, two qualifying rounds and the MAINS. The racers are split up by age and ability which are called 'motos,' and there are three rounds per moto. The first two qualifying rounds are raced to determine who makes it to the third race, the "MAINS," where the overall winners are determined.

athlete spotlight
Contributed by Alex Coleman, Singletree Resident
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There are races all over the state every week that allow the riders to earn points for their overall standing for the year and even qualify for a "State Plate." Each competitor has a race plate, and the number is determined by their overall rank for every male or female competitor, no matter the age, and the State Plates are awarded for the top 10 in the state within their age and ability category.

When asked about his favorite thing about BMX, Zander Coleman (142), age 6 and in his second year, wraps it up in a nutshell: "Going fast and having fun with my friends!" Zander's BMX career is already off to a great start with a win at his opening race this year, which was the inaugural year of the Go Pro BMX event, and he has since gone on to win three additional local races. Zander is super excited to get his 10 wins to move on to the Intermediate level!

Eagle County BMX is a great way for all kids to get out and have some fun. They all support each other throughout the ages and classes. It's great to see the older ones helping and inspiring the younger ones to go out and have fun and become better riders. Tucker Larson (588) is already enjoying all aspects of BMX as he just gets into the program at age 4. "Um, I really like the riding and trying out the helmet that covers my face. We also go to Moe's!" It's all good with Tucker!

Many thanks to all of the volunteer parents and the Lucas family, who run and organize everything. Eagle County BMX would not be possible without your help and support! And to Jay, Knox, Zander and Tucker as the season comes to a close...Go Fast and Finish Strong!

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travel tales
 Contributed by **Alida Zwaan**,
 Singletree Resident



Palau, Micronesia. Many have never heard of this beautiful island nation. Located several hundred miles east of the Philippines, Palau is a mecca of marine biodiversity with which few other island paradises can compete. I was privileged to join Casey and Emily Zwaan, owners of Beaver Divers, who organized an amazing adventure to this island paradise in April 2017. The long journey proved to be worth the effort, as this was an incredible SCUBA diving adventure that I will never forget.

Why travel thousands of miles and several days to go SCUBA diving? The answers are simple. Palau is rich in World War II history and only attracts roughly 136,000 tourists per year. Fighting the crowds that plague other tourist destinations is happily missing. The native people of Palau are friendly, the beaches are sparkling and pristine, the rock islands surrounding Palau are mesmerizing, and the underwater reef system is alive and well.

Our adventure began at the Palau Pacific Resort, a little oasis nestled in lush tropical gardens with a gorgeous private beach out its back door. This luxury, world-class resort offers an array of accommodations from beachfront rooms, garden rooms and the newly built over-water bungalows. With an array of activities right at the resort, our group kept busy snorkeling, paddle-boarding, playing tennis, and SCUBA diving and just plain relaxing before we boarded our dive vessel, the Rock Islands Aggressor. Our time at the Palau Pacific Resort was meant to unwind and recover from jet-lag before our busy week of diving five dives a day on the liveboard dive boat.

After three days of relaxing on the beach, we boarded the Rock Islands Aggressor. Everyone was excited to start diving, as this was the main purpose of our adventure. We were ready

to explore the WWII wrecks, channels that are home to huge schools of jacks, barracuda, sharks, rays and a variety of tropical fish, coral and sponges. We were all prepared for strong currents, which brings important nutrients to the coral reef. Armed with reef hooks, we were prepared to hook ourselves into the reef and watch the action effortlessly, and without harming the reef.

Where many places have suffered from environmental sabotage, including pollution and overfishing, Palau has established an incredible conservation effort. Bottom trawling, for example, was banned to protect the sea floor from commercial fishermen who use giant nets and clean out everything in their path. Palau has created a shark sanctuary, banning shark fishing and finning, thereby protecting shark species that inhabit its waters, as well as protecting dolphins and rays.

It is very encouraging that a marine ecosystem which suffered an El Nino that wreaked havoc back in the late 1990s, through strict conservation, has actually revived and is healthier than ever. Palau has made a remarkable comeback, and is an example to other nations that assured destruction of the world's coral reefs is not a certain conclusion.

Palau is one of the few places in the world where you can still encounter large populations of a variety of sharks on almost every dive. We commonly encountered Grey Reef sharks, which are harmless to humans, but are very agile and are a dangerous predator for smaller fish. We also encountered the smaller Whitetip Reef shark, which are also harmless to humans but can be very curious. Never did we feel in any danger, but experienced great awe at the majesty and power of these ocean predators that are so crucial to the health of the reef system.





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With little more than a big idea and a desire to be her own boss, Singletree resident Elisse Kelley struck out on her own to create a brand new business from the ground up. In just three short years, Sweeping Change has become one of the Vail Valley's premiere residential and commercial cleaning companies, now serving more than 200 clients and helping to support the families of 30 local employees.

As a 25-year local who had held top human resources positions with a variety of large employers in the area, Kelley was prompted to start her own company after recognizing a need she felt uniquely qualified to fill. "Overall, the experience has been very positive. There is a unique satisfaction to not only meeting the needs of our clients but also creating a welcoming workplace for the dozens of locals working here who take a great deal of pride in what they do."

Consistency in staff is clearly one of the company's greatest assets. Many of Sweeping Change's cleaners have been on staff since day one, and Kelley says their longevity and diverse knowledge has been invaluable to the company's growth. "We have many discerning clients with highly valuable items that have very specific cleaning and maintenance requirements," she said. "Not only do they appreciate that we have done our homework on how to care for them, they also admire that we send the same staff members to serve them on an ongoing basis. We would not be able to serve these customers in the detailed manner that we do with a constantly fluctuating staff."

Kelley says that most of her new business comes from word of mouth and joint partnerships. In addition to cleaning dozens of private homes, Sweeping Change serves well-known Valley businesses including the Sonnenalp Club, Slifer, Smith and Frampton, Sotheby's, the Vail Valley Foundation, The Gerald Ford Amphitheater, Sun and Ski, and various pre-schools, restaurants and more. Testimonials from several clients tell the story:



Elisse Kelley with her family: Quinn, Aidan and Jada

I use Sweeping Change to clean my personal home and have enthusiastically referred Elisse to countless clients over the years. She's responsive, reliable and diligent; she and her crew always do a great job! I appreciate coming home to a hassle-free clean home and love sharing her gift with those who matter to me. - *Molly Griffin, Singletree Resident*

In 2016, we found Elisse with Sweeping Change and are so grateful!! Not only does her crew do a phenomenal job cleaning our townhomes, but they also make our home presentable for our guests. As a client that lives out of state, we can rest easy knowing that Elisse is taking good care of our home while we are unable to keep a constant eye on it. She is committed to keeping her clients happy and I would highly recommend Sweeping Change to anyone in the Vail Valley who is looking for housekeeping services! - *Merideth Richards, Beaver Creek Home Owner*

Sweeping Change has been contracted to clean our club since it opened in June of 2016. Over that two-year period, Sweeping Change has been very professional, courteous and attentive to detail in every aspect of cleaning. We are extremely happy with their services and would highly recommend them to any organization that is looking for that "top tier" service. - *Shawn Evans, Sonnenalp Club*

My company, Bold Solutions, and I have been using Elisse Kelley and Sweeping Change as a primary cleaning vendor. I have been extremely happy with Elisse's service, responsiveness, flexibility, and her team's quality of work. Elisse manages a very well rounded team and is always willing and able to assist in a pinch. I highly recommend her services and consider her a premier cleaning contractor in the Valley. - *Munsey Knox, Bold Property Management Solutions*

It's no surprise that a cleaning company might get some pretty unusual requests. Kelley says that when this happens, she gets key members of her experienced and



professional cleaning staff involved in deciding if, and how, to take on a job. "We took on a project earlier this summer that had us thoroughly cleaning the outdoor playhouses in Nottingham Park," said Kelley. "No other local company would touch the job, and my team took it on enthusiastically."

Kelley runs teams on both day and night shifts. In addition to her full and part-time local staff, Kelley hires additional seasonal help from Mexico via the H2B Visa program and is working on acquiring permanent residency for several staff members. "Establishing residency is a long and expensive process, and one I didn't envision myself undertaking when I started Sweeping Change," says Kelley. "But it has been well worth it. Not only for the life-changing opportunity I can give to people, but also for the skills, ambition and loyalty they will have for our company."



"As an independent business owner, the greatest skill I have had to learn is to continually thrive amidst constant change," said Kelley. "Managing schedules, supplies, vehicles and the diverse needs of our customers and staff keeps me on my toes all day, most every day. But I love it."



Kelley's vision for the future includes continued growth in terms of both new business and new employees. "When I started the company, I could never have imagined how quickly it would grow and prosper," she said. "It just keeps getting better and better."

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Ian Sacks, a widower, has been in the Vail Valley since 1994. Debbie Boam, a corporate executive who lives in Austin, TX, had for many years enjoyed a couple weeks in the Valley in both the summer and winter, with lifelong friends who have a second home here. There is a Yiddish word 'Bashert,' meaning fate, destiny, or Divine intervention. And so it was for Ian and Debbie.

They met in October of 2012, and on their first date, Debbie discovered that Ian and her beloved Labrador, Ellie, shared the same October 22 birthday. A good sign as it turned out! Ian and Debbie got very serious very quickly, and by June of 2013, they had purchased a home in Singletree. At that time, Debbie had a four-year runway until retirement. With Ian already retired, the couple hatched a plan to renovate the property and build their life together, splitting their time between Austin and Edwards.

98 Charolais had great bones. Built in 1993, it was still in its original condition; that is to say it was dated. The most important consideration for Ian and Debbie was that the property had the potential to create an outside living space that seamlessly transitioned from outside in. When Debbie first saw the property, she had an immediate thought that the original front yard was wasted space. And, wouldn't it be great if they could somehow redesign the space with a large patio in the front yard? They wanted to literally double the size of their living area by creating a functional outdoor space.

The couple loves outdoor living and fully embraces the Colorado lifestyle. They wanted a space for Ellie, for dining, entertaining friends, and for having a glass of wine by the fire.



Ian credits Debbie with the overall concept, but readily admits it was a daunting project. They needed a professional to create the vision, the flow, and the construction drawings.

Despite their vision for the yard, the immediate improvements turned out to include a new roof, flooring, shades, painting and replacing several interior doors with pocket doors. While the couple intended to make the yard their first major project, they were just not successful in finding traction with a landscape architect. So, as fate would have it, they met Carolyn Samelson, an elegant talented local kitchen designer at William Dha in Edwards. Samelson understood the couple's desire for simple lines and mountain modern. Her design included solutions for relocating the refrigerator, using the newfound space for a wall of raked cabinets with white



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oak panels, built-in bronze elements, a wall of sandstone. The kitchen was completely

Once again, fate intervened. Sherry Dorward met Sherry Dorward at a meeting. Dorward, a couple desired, saw the project. She also understood and had solutions that included grading is the property drain

The final design included a wall at the front door, a table, gas grill, and driveway. Once DR viewed contractors CO for the landscape construction challenge short of exceptional landscape project was completed. Many enjoyed many an evening

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William, Goose & Dusi



kids' corner

Contributed by William Richardson, Singletree Resident
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William Richardson and his parents, Gavin and Claire, and his dogs, Goose and Dusi, joined the fun in July at Dog Day Afternoon, and William and Goose even won a prize for the Find-the-Ball trick! Here we get to know William a little better.

How old are you and what grade and school are you entering in the fall? I am going into the 4th Grade at Stone Creek Charter and I am 9 years old.

Do you have any pets? I have two GSPs, Goose and Dusi.

The latest crimes they have committed: Dusi has been digging under the deck, and Goose has been chasing geese. Dusi is an escape artist!

How did Goose and Dusi get their names? Goose is named after the pilot in the movie, *Tappan*, since Goose was the "Wingman." Dusi is named after a river race in South Africa. (The race is called The Dusi Canoe Marathon down the Umsindusi river; it's a three-day ultra marathon event Gavin kayaks in every year).

Tell us about Goose and DockDogs. I have jumped Goose for three years in a row at the GoPro Mountain Games. Goose absolutely loves it! And we won our age group, so last year, we went to compete at World DockDog Champs in Tennessee. We just do it for fun.

What are your favorite things to do? I love going to the Sonnenalp Club with my friend, Morgan, and I like spending time with my dogs, especially when they lie with me in bed while I'm reading.

Do you participate in any sports? I play tennis.

Where is your favorite place to play? I love going to my friends' houses.

What is your favorite movie? *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*.

What is your favorite book? I love reading *Harry Potter*.

Where have you traveled? I have been to South Africa seven times, Florida, Belize, and Mexico.

What was the best part of South Africa? Seeing my South African family, hatching crocodiles, going to the beach, boogie boarding, going sailing and snorkeling.



If you had a job, what would it be? Have fun!

If you had the power, what would you do? Pollution, escape!

What is the best thing about your town?



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BRAVING ice, cold and STEEP:

*The Talon Crew
Produces a World Class
World Cup Ski Race*

Ever wonder what it really takes to build, maintain and run the race course for the Birds of Prey World Cup Ski Races every year at Beaver Creek? Ask a member of the Talon Crew and you will learn it takes both physical strength and mental tenacity to bear the elements of ice and cold on steep slopes. Why do it? Because at the end of the day, the experience proves to be tremendously rewarding on many levels.

The Talon Crew consists of approximately 350 men and women who dedicate time, energy and financial resources to join a team of volunteers who strive to produce the best FIS Men's World Cup Ski Race in the world. About 80% of the crew are loyal veterans who return every year to share in the work and camaraderie over a 10 day period beginning Thanksgiving weekend. Volunteers are required to participate at least four of the 10 work days to earn the coveted jacket, hat and lift ticket. Typical days begin at 6:30 a.m. and finish at 4:00 p.m. or later, depending on how long they socialize at the Beer Tent.

As the largest workforce crew involved with the event, the Talon Crew, in conjunction with the Beaver Creek Race Department, is responsible for all aspects of the race on course. Days 1 - 4 are devoted to physically building the course, which entails installing the safety features to protect the athletes, including the A net, the slip skirt, the B net, the airbags and the flat stock. Additionally, the Talon Crew assists with literally watering the course to

prepare a race-ready surface. Ironically, from that point on, the crew hopes it doesn't snow because in the race world, you don't have to shovel sunshine!

Days 5 - 7 are dress rehearsal days, AKA training days which allow time for the athletes to inspect the course first hand and actually run the course in preparation for the Downhill races. During this time, the crew moves into course maintenance mode: getting snow out of the way, slipping the course and getting the snow surface to consistently resemble an NHL ice rink, which can get a little exciting in the face of cold, snow and steep.

So by the time the much-anticipated Birds of Prey event begins on Friday, the course is built and everything is in place. The race officials reset the gates for each specific event (Super G, Downhill and Giant Slalom), and with each move, the Talon Crew needs to move the snow and reposition equipment to accommodate the newly set course. And finally, they tear down each course once the event is finished.

Sounds like a lot of work! So what is compelling about the opportunity to join the Talon Crew? Crew Chief Steve Holden answers the question: "What it takes is someone who has a passion for the sport and enjoys the camaraderie of the event. It's not about the jacket; it's about performing at your best and working in a World Cup environment. This is the premier sporting event in Colorado.



Steve Holden



Robb Hamina

If you are somehow involved in ski racing and you want to give back to the sport, this is the big leagues." Simply put by Singletree Resident Robb Hamina, "On race day, the Birds of Prey race course is the center of the universe."

There is no doubt that joining the Talon Crew represents a significant commitment in terms of time, physical labor, and financial resources. Volunteer Coordinator Steve Prawdzik confirms that approximately 50% come from out of state year after year to volunteer with the Crew, but stresses the need for greater local participation as well. If you would like to be part of the event but cannot join the team on the hill, please consider being a host or offering your home for visiting Talon Crew volunteers.



Jim Haeffner

And once you have participated, what brings you back? Singletree Resident and Crew Chief Jim Haeffner boils it down to the three most significant drivers for him. **Camaraderie:** "Over the years, I have made many friends from all over the world." **Fitness:** "This is the last piece to maximize my fitness to be able to ski over 100 days a year." And **pride:** "the accomplishment of maximizing something at a very high level."

The Talon Crew is proud to be an integral part of the Beaver Creek Birds of Prey World Cup Race that has been ranked as the Number One stop by the athletes and coaches who participate. If you are interested in joining this amazing team of volunteers, please visit taloncrew.com or email steve@taloncrew.com.



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Co-founded by Brenda Himelfarb and Singletree resident, Patti Weinstein, the VBCAG — 10 volunteers — has

raised more than \$1 million due to the generosity of the Eagle County community. More than 465 women have received a Day to Play; over 40 women have received more than \$2,000 in assistance. Our contributions to the Sonnenalp Breast Center have gone towards the purchase of equipment including a PET Scanner, a stereotactic table, a 3D tomography machine and a GE Whole Breast Automated UltraSound System, to name a few.

Additional donations were earmarked for the Cancer Caring House, "Jack's Place," and a GAP fund for those who needed assistance for additional diagnostic tests not covered by insurance. In 2017, we donated funds for new reflective technology used to mark tumors in the breast before surgery. Our 2018 gift, is a donation of two weeks of dinners — created by a private chef — to those beginning radiation or chemotherapy.



The VBCAG motto is, "Live each day. Love each day." And, through our efforts we hope that, in some way, we are making life easier for many.





Singletree *SLIDES* into Fall

With September just around the corner, Singletree friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Craig and Ingrid Dampier to celebrate summer and anticipate the slide into fall. Guests were greeted with a refreshing aperitif of Aperol Punch, followed by an array of appetizers and freshly grilled spicy bison or jalapeno cheddar turkey sliders. Thank you, Ingrid and Craig, for your warm hospitality and a festive evening of neighborhood camaraderie!





Jenn, Kristi and Katie... Michigan to Singletree and Back

Jennifer Saesi, Kristi Grems and Katie Rothenborg go way back. Like really way back. Having met in Michigan about 30 years ago, they each made their way to Singletree via individual paths. Today, they are fast friends in the neighborhood and still enjoy visiting their old stomping grounds in northern Michigan.

Do you have a long time or small world connection in Singletree? Former high school class member in the same neighborhood? Hometown friend who landed in the same town? Email holly.proctor@n2pub.com to share your 'Six Degrees of Singletree' story with your friends and neighbors.

Thank You, Knob Hill Volunteers!

Many thanks to the eight Singletree residents who worked to repair damage and place water bars to reduce erosion on the popular Knob Hill trail. The trail heads and trails leading out of Singletree are maintained for your use by resident volunteers. Without this effort, these trails would not be what they are today.

Mark your calendar! The next work day will be Saturday, October 13, 2018. This day will be devoted to the removal of the remaining USFS and ranch barb wire still located on the boundary of Singletree. Our Singletree volunteers work under the umbrella of Eagle County Adopt a Trail (AAT) and will be partnering with the USFS and Colorado's



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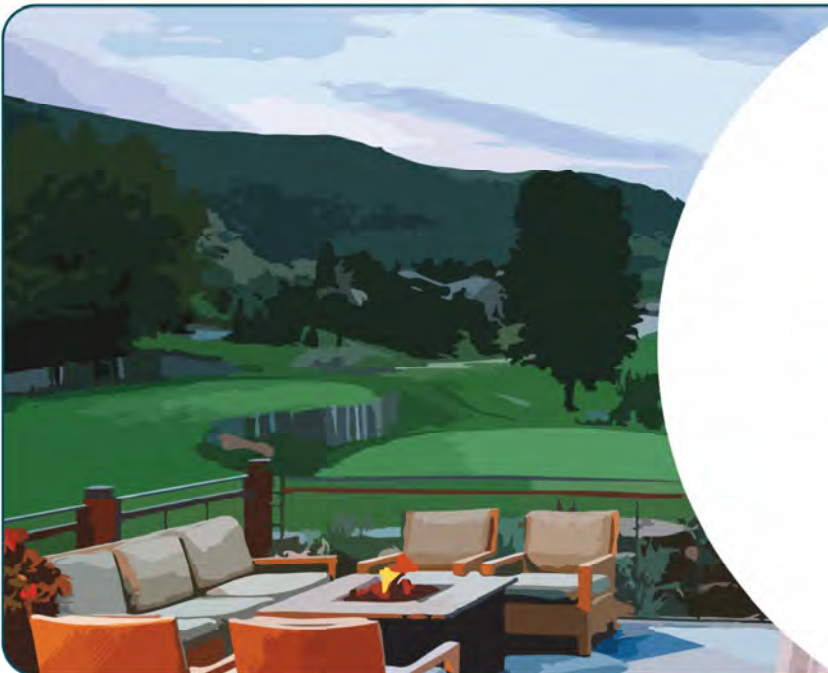
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