

MMSC Club House



Dear Friends,

As you can see from the photo above – and as many of you have no doubt seen in person recently – the progress on our clubhouse expansion has been dramatic. The existing structure has been packed lately, especially at lunchtime on weekends, and members continue to be understanding about the tight quarters and the driving/parking restrictions.

I thank you again for your cooperation in keeping the construction site safe, and I see and hear a lot of excitement about the prospects for a substantially larger and better club next season, including a big members' locker room for the first time and also new physical training space for our athletes and their coaches downstairs.

Our club is a healthy, vibrant and growing one. In the eyes of many industry professionals, Main Street is now the premier training and competing venue for alpine racing in the region.

Participation in our programs is at record levels, with signs pointing to further growth in future seasons. Attracting more members and athletes has necessitated investing in more high quality resources – coaches, office staff, equipment and the like.

As you would expect, the club's budget is managed very closely in order to appropriately provide for members' and athletes' needs while keeping annual membership costs as low as possible.

While we are able to pay our operating expenses as they come due, we do not have an endowment and do not generate a surplus to fund large capital projects such as the clubhouse expansion.

To date, the project continues to be on time and on budget, and we believe we have received excellent value for our money through the dedicated hard work of long-term supporters of the club.

However, we have not yet finished raising all the funds necessary to complete the work. Gifts continue to come in, for which we are grateful – thank you!

I am very excited to report that we have recently received a challenge matching gift of \$100,000 to help complete the construction. The terms of the gift require the club to raise \$100,000 in order to receive the lump sum gift of \$100,000.

The total of \$300,000 will allow us to substantially complete most of the construction, and therefore the sooner we can raise this money, the better, in order to progress uninterrupted with the project.

It is never easy to ask for money, but this is an extraordinary opportunity for us to capture a very generous matching gift and I hope you share my conviction that it is for an extremely important cause. So many young athletes and their families enjoy a unique and memorable experience together through many hours in and around the club.

As you think about your giving priorities to other worthy causes that touch your lives – schools, healthcare organizations, cultural institutions, etc – I hope you will think about how much value the club can produce with your gift and what an impact that can have on your own family and many others for years to come.

While ours is not a big capital campaign relative to many others you may be solicited for, it comes at an especially critical juncture for the club. As such, I ask you to help us meet and beat the challenge as quickly as possible so that we can continue to serve you better.

For your convenience, I am enclosing a gift form, and of course I am always available to speak with you about this matter in person. As usual, gifts to the club's foundation are tax deductible.

Many thanks again for your generosity.

See you in the clubhouse and on the hill.

Sincerely,

Igor Vanovac
Executive Director