



## ***Spring Wrap Up***

**from**

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Hello VARA Members!

We all know that April showers bring May flowers! However it seemed that our April showers began in December and never gave us a break. For all of the curve balls the East was thrown this year, I think we certainly showed our resiliency. We are tough Easterners and it takes a lot to bring us down. Of all years this one proved that we CAN all work together, covering for a mountain that couldn't host a race or a project, providing training space for those athletes that couldn't train at their home programs or like Stowe-putting on 12 straight days of racing! So although we don't always like to admit it, we are a small community and in my opinion we did a great job of "getting the job done" and helping each other out, so thank you!



Spring time also comes along with "Spring Cleaning" and now that the skiing and racing have come to a halt, make sure you are all giving your skis one last tune and wax before putting them away for the season.

Eddie Thys Morgan just recently sent out another of her great blogs (to read her "Putting a fork in it" [click here](#)) Eddie wrote about a race at Waterville Valley she attended a little while ago called the Clay Soper Memorial and it was a true spring race with lots of smiles and lots of fun. I would like to write about a race I attended last Wednesday at Cochran's called Thank Goodness for Snowmaking, what a race this was! While races were continuing to be cancelled left and right the Cochran/Kelley/Farrell clan worked their hardest to provide an amazing surface (better than most surfaces we saw all year), a pro jump, snow cat rides,

barbecues and maple syrup! They had USST members, college athletes and all gunning for it, it was really fun to watch and the athletes had a blast! The athletes hiked or rode the cat it was a very memorable experience, thank you Cochran's for all you do for VARA ski racing.

I will wrap up now to keep this short in the hopes that you all get to the bottom of this email because this is really important!

- Parents with female athletes you must read this short article on why it is NOT cute for females to act scared. This link was shared with me by a GMVS mom. [Click here](#)
- There are new posts on the VARA Youth Coordinator Site. [Click here](#) to see pictures and reports from the VT/NY U14 Project at Stratton and the NY/VT U12 Project at Lake Placid. Lots of fun pictures.
- New pictures of athletes from these projects also posted under HIGHLIGHTS on the VARA Homepage [click here](#)
- U14 CanAm video of all athletes and all runs courtesy of Hugues Forget of Quebec [click here](#)
- Results from VARA U14 States, U14 Eastern Championships, U14 VT/NY Team Results and U16 Nationals all on VARA Youth Site [Click here](#)

Posts will be put up on the VARA Youth Coordinator site so keep giving it a look.

Thank you to all of the VARA Clubs, Mountains, Coaches and Members that helped with VARA Youth initiatives throughout the winter. I really appreciate all of your help.

Best,  
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