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Home Is Where You Hang Your Boots

In Montana's Yellowstone Club, a couple's high-end ski room is dedicated to ski-in, ski-out access

NEWLYWEDS MONICA AND FRANK MCCOURT can ski in and ski out of their home on Andesite Mountain at the Yellowstone Club, an exclusive residential community set in the Montana Rockies.

"For us, the ski room is much more than a warming station and storage area—it's the place where friends and family are greeted," said Mrs. McCourt, 41, who this fall mar-

ried Mr. McCourt, the 62-year-old owner of the L.A. Marathon and former owner of the L.A. Dodgers. Last year, Mr. McCourt acquired the six-bedroom house in Yellowstone's American Spirit subdivision, where house prices range between \$10 million and \$15 million. The 420-square-foot ski room, which also serves as the house's foyer, opens directly onto a pair of ski runs that fork around the 1-acre

property.

"We made the decision that the ski room would be on the main floor of the house, so you could access both ski runs," said Boz Boswell, the Yellowstone Club's senior architect. "You can ski in, dump your gear, make a quick sandwich, throw your boots on the boot dryer—and then go back out for the afternoon."

—Amy Gamerman



1. Fireplace: Slabs of Deep Creek and Frontier stone, quarried in Montana, were hand-fitted. "The hearth is designed to be sat on," says stone mason Rob Davidson.

Price: R. Davidson Masonry: \$9,500-\$10,000. Heat & Glo "True" 36-inch fireplace with 2,800 BTUs: \$5,248

2. Boot Dryer: The heated boot

dryer can warm up to 16 pairs of boots and 16 pairs of gloves.

Price: Williams Direct Dryers: \$2,795

3. Chandelier: "Fabulous lighting," said Mrs. McCourt, of Currey & Co.'s "Criscross" fixture with twisting wires, finished in French Black and Pyrite Bronze.

Price: From Lightology: \$1,120.

4. Vintage beams: The reclaimed Douglas fir timbers were once used in industrial buildings.

Price: Montana Reclaimed Lumber Company: Price upon request

5. Ottomans: The chevron-patterned hair-on-hide poufs offer a sturdy but comfortable perch.

Price: Surya: \$579 per pouf

6. Flooring: Ski boot-friendly "Nova Blue" limestone—with an antiqued finish, for better traction—was laid over a radiant heating system.

Price: Limestone flooring: \$12.35 per square foot, includes discount for homebuilder.

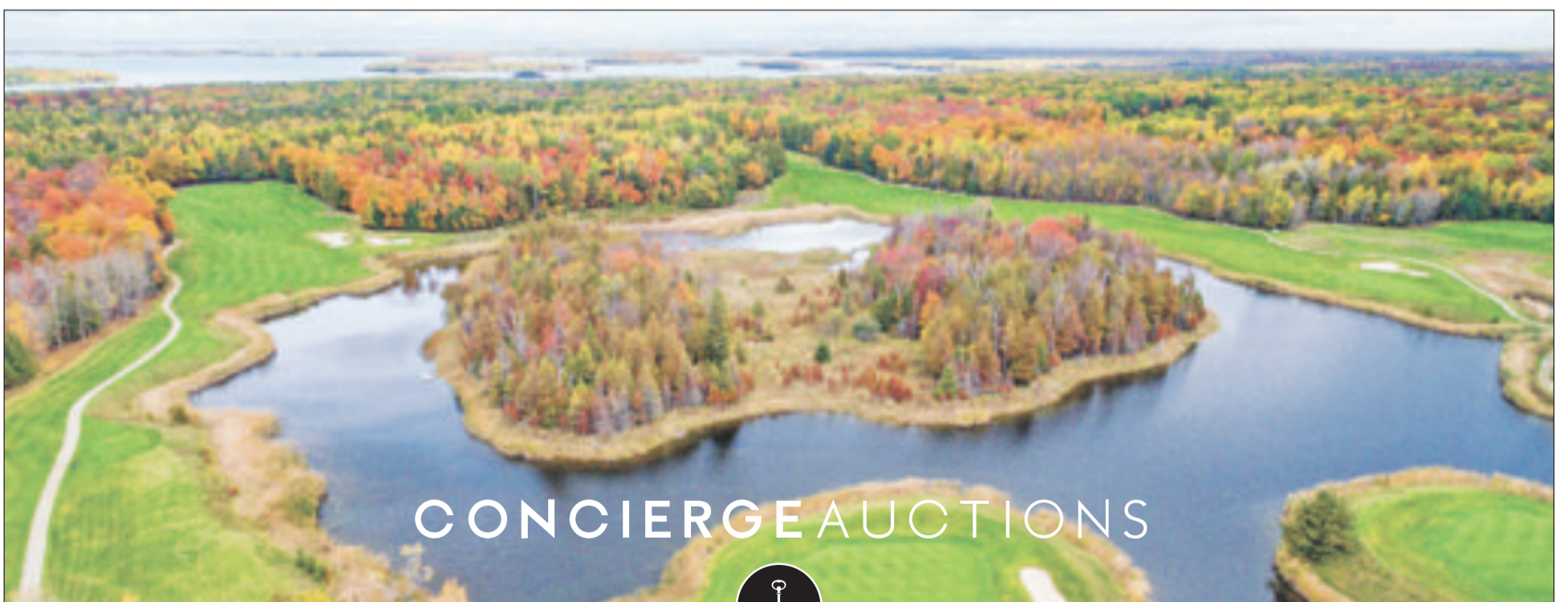
7. Ski lockers: The eight lockers have hooks, shelves and gloves. Wire

mesh screens allow ventilation. "We take a lot of pride in our lockers," Mr. Boswell said.

Price: Interwest Cabinets of Rexburg, Idaho: \$18,640

8. Snack station: The 24-inch refrigerator can hold eight wine bottles.

Price: Sub-Zero under counter beverage center: \$2,220 MSRP



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