

## **Bartolomeo Peyrotte honorable Testimonial to “Tre Rifugi Val Pellice 2012” February 15-2012: opening of the entries – Sunday July 15-2012: the Race**

*“I declare that Bartolomeo Peyrotte took me from Bobbio to this place through Pra, Col Seylières, Col Vallanta, Ponte Castello Chianale and Col Agnello, and I’m very happy of him. From the chalets between Col Vallanta and Ponte Castello we climbed, with the alpine guides Michel Croz from Chamonix and Pierre Perm from Zermatt, till the last peak of Monviso, where we passed the night of July 04-1862 ... I think that it is necessary to underline the fact that B. Peyrotte is the first piedmontese who reached the peak of this mountain.”  
Queyras July 06-1862 – Francis Fox Tuchett from Bristol – England*

From this brief testimony (Vittorio Grimaldi, “Una settimana sul Monviso” - “L’opinione”, August 21-1983) it is clear that the first Italian climber to reach Monviso’s peak was not Quintino Sella, the founder of the Italian Alpine Club (CAI), in 1863 but Bartolomeo Peyrotte, highlander, bearer and alpine guide from Bobbio Pellice (TO).

All this happened on July 04-1862, during the second climb to Monviso, after the “first one” of the English man William Mathews in 1861.

The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Peyrotte’s exploit leads the entire Val Pellice, Bobbio Pellice commune the first, his hometown, to remember and to do justice to the unknown citizen, even though they want to respect the most famous Biella’s Statesman Quintino Sella.

“Tre Rifugi Val Pellice” 2012 will join with pleasure this memory of the exploit, as well as CAI-UGET Val Pellice, that will prepare a specific exhibition together with the cooperation of Bobbio commune.

Therefore, the alpinist of Bobbio will sign the official opening of the entries to the queen of mountain exertion, that will take place on July 15-2012.

The 2012 edition is completely renewed as far as the formula (Trail and Ultratrail) and the logistic (start and finishing line in Bobbio Pellice) are concerned.

The three classical refuges run by CAI Val Pellice, i.e. Jervis, Barbara and Granero, remain part of the route.

On the web site [www.3rifugivalpellice.it](http://www.3rifugivalpellice.it) you will find all the news regarding planimetry and altimetry of the new courses of the race (30 and 50 km).

On Friday April 27-2012, at Teatro del Lavoro in Pinerolo, the Official Press Conference will take place, with the presence of the information bodies, the racers, the fan and the “historical” athletes, guests of the soirée.

The preparation of the various prizes is nearly finished. These prizes will be awarded to whom will accept the new challenge on demanding routes, but incomparable as far as the landscape, the history and the environment are concerned. Between peaks, hills and mountain pastures of the Waldensian valleys, with this new course of the race there is the rediscovery of the paths and of the mountain villages.

To the first 250 enrolled, an additional prize is assured.

This is a new challenge for everyone: staff, athletes, sports fans and for the entire valley, that is preparing itself to realize on Sunday 15-2012 and big sports event.