



Gray Wolf Ski Club

Serving the senior skiers of the San Juans



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Letter from the President

Our previous season was loaded with special events such as Charles Elliot's 100th birthday and our 30 year club anniversary, plus some terrific dumps of snow. Hopefully the coming year will be as eventful. The forecast of an el Nino weather pattern for the coming season is a welcome suggestion that we can expect a very good snow season this coming winter. Your Board of Directors is remaining essentially the same, and you can expect very little to change in the way of events that will be put on for the enjoyment of the club membership.

Our shift to the new season began on June 18 with our Annual Business Meeting featuring the traditional smoked pig and our 30 year celebration. The meeting was enjoyed by all, as you can see in the group photo later in this newsletter. If you get the chance, always remember to thank Mary Gamache for the work that she does photographing and getting out the newsletter.

At this time of year, the club has two on-going events taking place. Every Tuesday (that is Gray Wolf Day, isn't it?) gray wolves are meeting for food and drink at Riff-Raff Brewery in Pagosa Springs at 3:00, which is when their happy hour begins – half price for their beers and some selected appetizers. Participation has been low the last few weeks, and we would enjoy your joining us.

We also are continuing the Gray Wolf Theater nights at the Pagosa Center for the Arts. This summer includes an incredible series of performances - Les Miserables, July 19 (with Opera quality singers to blow you away), A Chorus Line, July 31 (with some of the best dancers in the USA), Beauty and the Beast, Aug 8 (with incredible costumes), and The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Aug 20 (with guest performances by some of your friends in the audience).

All these plays will receive the Gray Wolves discount and reserved seating by accessing the promo code "GW1" at www.pagosacenter.org, but you must buy in advance and arrive at least 15 minutes early.

Be sure to check out the list of vendor discounts that are available to Gray Wolf Ski Club members below in this newsletter.

Remember to put on you calendar our Annual Tail Gate Party in the parking lot at Wolf Creek Ski Area on the last Sat. in September, which is when they start selling us our pre-season ski passes for the coming season – see the details below in this newsletter.

If you ever have any problem with the club, an event, or the Board, please do not hesitate to contact me personally about the problem. I served the club as treasurer for many years, and now I have risen to the level of my greatest incompetence, President. I will do my best for the club, but recent past Presidents will be hard acts to follow. As mentioned above, all of the Board members are continuing, and we expect to provide you with the same events and services as in recent years. Please thank them, when you can, for the dedication and enthusiasm they bring to our club.

Ron Chacey, President, Gray Wolf Ski Club



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2014 Membership Drive

****Reminder****

You MUST pay your dues by August 15, 2014, to be eligible to buy a pre season lift pass at the special Gray Wolf rate. Find the application on the website at: WWW.GRAYWOLFSLKICLUB.COM

- Dues are \$15. per single or \$25. per couple.
- Orders and payment for name tags for 2014-15 must reach us by August 15, 2014. You may send payment with your dues. Name tags will be ready for you to pick up, at the tailgate party, at the end of September.

Gray Wolf Ski Club Discounts

The following retailers have offered to provide discounts to members of the Club.

Ski and Bow Rack: (Pagosa Springs)

10% off any ski tuning, ski repair and clothing.

Also ask for locals discount on demo rental skis

Pagosa Ski Rental: (Pagosa Springs)

15% off any ski tuning.

8200 Mountain Sports: (South Fork)

10% off any retail sales and 50% off any demos during the week.

They have a very wide range of powder skis.

Alpine Bike and Ski: (South Fork)

25% off any demo rental skis and 15% off any retail items.

Hot Springs: (Pagosa Springs)

\$8.00 entrance fee on Tuesday's.

\$8.00 for any Gray Wolf group of 14 people or more at any time except holidays.

Overlook Hot Springs: (Pagosa Springs)

Tuesdays - buy 1 get one free on beer and wine purchases.

Summit Ski and Sports: (Pagosa Springs)

Monday - Thursday - 50% off hot wax application for skis and snowboards.

The Outfitter: (Pagosa Springs)

10% discount

Gray Wolf Ski Club preferred lodging rates at the following hotels in Pagosa Springs.

High Country Lodge (970) 264-4181

\$80 per night including breakfast

(excluding weekends & holidays)

Mountain Landing (970) 731-5345

15% off their seasonal pricing

Quality Inn (970) 731-4141

15% below listed rate including breakfast

Annual Tail Gate Party at Wolf Creek Ski Area

The Tail Gate Party is set for Saturday, September 27, 2014. It coincides with the first day of the preseason lift pass sale at Wolf Creek Ski Area. It's a great opportunity to buy your annual lift pass, reconnect with your ski buddies, and get excited about the coming ski season.

If you want to hike Alberta Peak, meet in the main parking lot at 8am. The party will be from 11:30 - 2:00. The Club will provide brats, buns, tortillas, condiments, wine, and beer. Please bring a side dish for 8 - 10 people.

Please bring chairs, a serving table if you have one, and anything else to make yourself comfortable. Bring any used ski equipment that you would like to sell or trade. You may sell out of your vehicle. You must handle all sales - the Club is not involved.



Annual Business Meeting

June 18, 2014

Celebrating 30 Years of Skiing and Socializing



The Annual Business Meeting and 30th Anniversary celebration was a huge success. The food was, as always, delicious! The decorations were festive and the commemorative mugs were a big hit! Over 130 members were in attendance. Gray Wolves know how to socialize any time of the year!

