



Gray Wolf Ski Club

Serving the senior skiers of the San Juans



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Letter from the President

Welcome to the 2014/15 ski season with the Gray Wolf Ski Club, your premier, over 50, socializing, snow loving group of people at Wolf Creek Ski Area. The mountains are turning white and skis are getting waxed. We have a new lift, called Elma that is under construction. This new lift will open up new terrain and make it easier to return from the Alberta area. Our ski club's schedule is mostly unchanged from last season, with lots of parties. I will mention some events, and you can find further, more detailed information below in this newsletter, on our website, and in the emails that we send out regularly.

The Board is very pleased with all of the thanks and appreciation that we have received concerning the club's parties and events. However, we also like to receive constructive comments when something is not going well. Due to technical difficulties some of our new members did not receive emails from the Club. While this is very regrettable, and the problem has been corrected, we can correct such problems sooner if members who are not receiving their emails will notify the club via the website. The website has all of the current information, usually updated monthly, and we usually send out email notices at least once a month. Please let us know if you are not receiving them.

The Oct. issue of Ski Magazine awarded Wolf Creek as the #1 ski area for "Snow Quality". I wonder why that doesn't surprise me. Some folks may prefer that Wolf Creek did not get the publicity, but when the ski area does well, we are all better off, and the major flow of tourists only happens a few times during the year.

The Senior Ski Clinics at Wolf Creek are now called the Baby Boomer Clinics. These are for all levels of skiers, so don't hesitate to join those who are looking to take their skiing to the next level.

We have many local merchants offering discounts to GW club members, including several hotels for out of town members. Check out the list.

We now have GW shirts – short and long sleeve emblazoned with a wolf wearing ski goggles. See more information on the next page of the newsletter.

Once again, our annual Tail Gate Party and ski swap was enjoyed by about 150 people. The party takes place in the parking lot of Wolf Creek Ski Area on the day that pre-season passes go on sale. We had plenty of beer, brats and fantastic pot luck side dishes, along with music provided by our own Mike Hayward – DJ Dude.

The Christmas party is scheduled for December 16, at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. We are limited to only 150 attendees, so please order your tickets early. We are working hard to prevent running out of appetizers and desserts. Join us to celebrate.

The January GW Luncheon will take place on Tues. Jan 13, with the Club covering \$5 of your lunch purchase at the Lodge at the ski area. There will be the usual email notices and we are working on a sign up procedure for the website.

The Gray Wolf Theater Nights at the Pagosa Center for the Arts will continue. The first show opens on Oct. 10. The club will receive a discount and reserved seats on a selected night for each show. Many of the shows are a lot of fun, and some are cutting edge drama – something for everyone. The first show this season is an intense Irish play that will have its US premier in Pagosa Springs, going then to Denver and on to NYC. Join us on GW Theater Nights at our local Arts Center which in only 3 years has achieved a national reputation for excellence.

In addition to our GW Tuesday free drink at the ski area, we now have GW Tuesday 'R&R at RR' (rest & relaxation at Riff Raff Brew Pub) with half price beer and appetizers. Many of us have been meeting during the summer and we will continue during the winter. We meet at 3:00 for "Hoppi Hour" in the summer and we have arranged to have "Hoppi Hour" start at 2:00 on Tuesdays during ski season for those who show up with that day's lift ticket still on their ski jacket.

Join us for a terrific snow year and fun events.

Ron Chacey, Pres.

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A membership directory is available online.

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Christmas Party



When: Tuesday, December 16, 2014

Where: Pagosa Springs Center for The Arts

Time: 5:30 pm

Music: Our Club member Mikey Hayward aka: D J Dude (There will be a dance floor)

Cost: \$23.00 per member (\$28.00 for non member guest)

Menu: Provided by Smoken Moe's BBQ

Appetizers, soup, smoked chicken and sliced brisket, green beans, twice baked potato casserole, rolls, and assorted cobblers.

Each person will receive a drink ticket at the door worth \$5.00 at the bar (non alcoholic or alcoholic)

We are limited to 150 people for this event, so please make your reservations early. Your money must be in by Tuesday, December 2, so that we can furnish a count to the caterer.

Please send your check to the club's address and include the name(s) of the person(s) attending.

Lunch at The Lodge

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, January 13, 2015**. We will enjoy our first club sponsored

Lunch at The Lodge. The theme is **Pajama Day**, so join the fun and come dressed for the occasion. The Club will cover \$5.00 of your food choice that day. There will be a sign up on the website so that we can let the kitchen know how many "specials" they will need to prepare. The club will let you know what the "special" will be, on the website, when the ski area determines the menu. We also use the sign up list to provide the cashiers with a list of names. This makes it easier for them when you go through the line to pay for the balance of your meal.

We will celebrate **Mardi Gras in February**, and have another **Lunch at The Lodge in March**. Details for these events will be in the January newsletter.

Gray Wolf Theater Night

The winter/spring schedule for the Pagosa Center for The Arts is as follows:

Chaps (Rated G) - Thursday, December 18, 2014 - \$26.00

Lend Me a Tenor (Rated PG) - Friday, January 23, 2015 - \$23.00

Cowboys are My Weakness (Rated PG) - Friday, February 20, 2015 - \$23.00

A Picasso (Rated PG13) - Friday, May 29, 2015 - \$23.00

The prices above reflect the Gray Wolf discount and includes a reserved seat if you arrive at least 15 minutes before the performance.

These tickets will be available on a first come first served basis. Purchases can be made online at www.pagosacenter.org. Access the promo code "gw2".

You may also contact the theater box office at 970-731-7469.

If you have any further questions contact Simon Fuger at 970-264-1003.

Baby Boomers' Clinic at Wolf Creek Ski Area

The rate will be \$39.00 for Season Pass holders.

For non season pass holders who are 65+ (\$63.00)

For non season pass holder who are 50+ (\$80.00)

*Geared towards beginner
to advanced levels*

November 18, December 9, January 13, February 3, March 3, 31

Pre-registration not required

You may pay for your lesson, at the ticket office, on the morning of the lesson.

Tee Shirts

The Club has tee shirts, in various colors and designs, embellished with the wolf logo that is shown on the right.

The tee shirts will be available to purchase at the Christmas Party and at events on the mountain this season.

The cost is \$15. for a short sleeve shirt or \$20. for a long sleeve shirt.
Sizes come in M, L, XL.



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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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.

Rocky Mountain Ski & Raft (South Fork)

50% off Demo Rentals on weekdays (excluding Christmas period and Spring break)
15% off Retail
10% off Tunes and waxing

We have the best selection of Demos in South Fork, including powder skis from DPS (Pure Carbon), Rocky Mountain Underground, 4Fnt

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



Event: *Gray Wolf Sale and Après Ski.*

When: *Tuesday, November 18, 2014. Sale all day,
Happy Hour - whenever you get here...*

Where: *8200 Mountain Sports in South Fork*

All Gray Wolf members will be treated to a 20% off storewide sale.

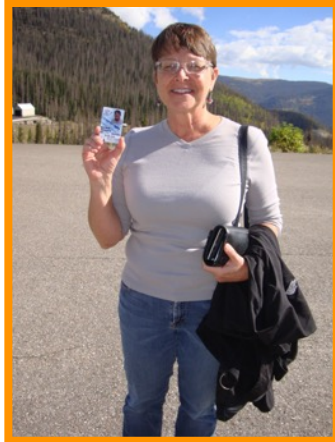
Beer and wine will be available while you shop and mingle.

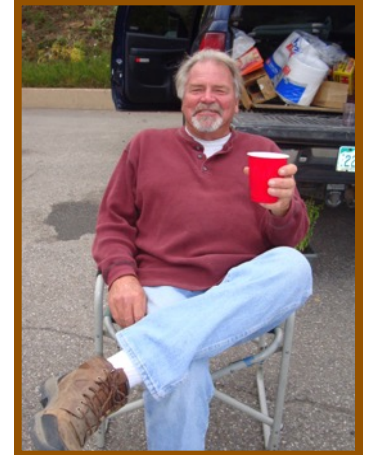
Come check out all the new Demos for 2015.

Remember, all Gray Wolf members can rent Demos for 50% off, Monday through Friday, all season long.

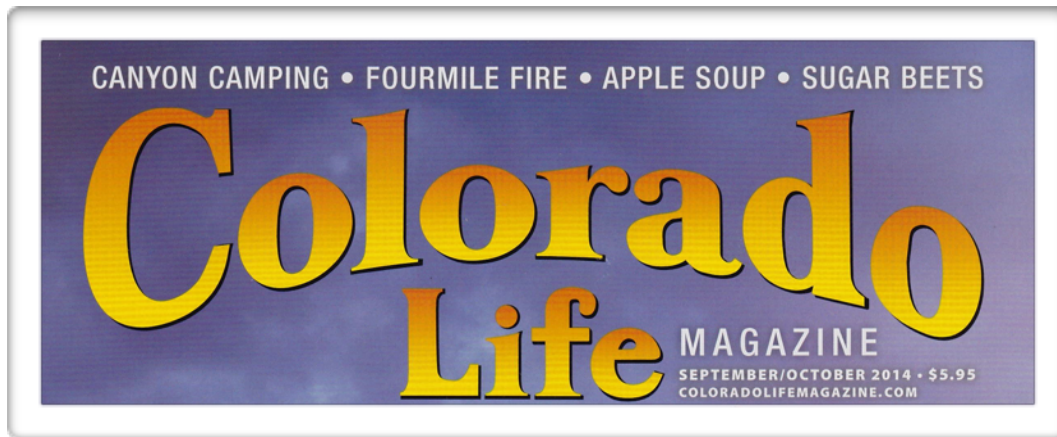
Fourth Annual Tailgate Party & Preseason Pass Sale

September 27, 2014





Our fourth annual tail gate party was a 'howling' success!!
 Our brat masters cooked the delicious brats, from The Buck Stops Here in Pagosa Springs, to perfection. The side dishes that members brought were outstanding! The weather cooperated, with just a few drops of rain from a fast moving shower.
 It was great to see so many new members!!
 Many members bought season passes and now all we have to do is wait for the snow...so all you Gray Wolves...it's time for the snow dancing to begin!!!



The Gray Wolf Ski Club was mentioned in an article about Pagosa Springs in the Sept./Oct. issue of Colorado Life Magazine. If you are not familiar with the magazine, it is beautifully produced, with well written stories and lovely photographs, all pertaining to places in our beautiful state.

The article tells about the current Gray Wolf Ski Club tradition of hiking Alberta Peak and skiing down with your buddies on your 80th birthday. This was started by Will James in 2009. The story recounts how Will and a dozen friends, on one of the coldest and windiest days of that season, hiked to the Peak and skied down to the tree line where they stopped to admire their achievement and congratulate Will. A carrot cake and bottle of Grand Marnier, which had been carried in a pack by Barry Ebersol, was enjoyed before skiing down to Base Camp. The party continued with more members who were awaiting Will's return from the Peak.

I had been skiing at Wolf Creek for 7 seasons and that was my first hike to the Peak. It was definitely the highlight of the season for me!

We now have a trophy which displays the names of all those who have made the trek to celebrate turning 80 years young. Will James (2009), Ozzie Wells and Wayne Odom (2011), and Del Peckumn (2013).

Who will be next?



by: Mary Gamache