



Gray Wolf Ski Club

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Letter from the President

I want to congratulate all the Gray Wolves and Gray Wolfettes who attired themselves appropriately for the February 7 Gray Wolf Ski Club Pajama party and the February 21 Mardi Gras party at the Ski Area. Take a look at the photos in the newsletter and the photo section of your Gray Wolf Ski Club website. There were some very nice PJs and outrageous Mardi Gras costumes seen all over the mountain those two days. On both days the snow was outstanding, and if I am not mistaken we enjoyed a powder day on the 7th. As usual, the Gray Wolves have more fun on the mountain than folks should be allowed to have.

It is now March, the spring vacation crowds are gone, and spring skiing conditions are as good as it gets. I am still praying for one or two big storms so that we may get a couple of late season powder days in. Regardless, there is lots of snow all over the mountain and when it warms up a little, the conditions are great. It is nice to see all the Gray Wolves on the mountain enjoying the great skiing that we have.

I want to remind all Gray Wolves of our “End of the Season” ski party scheduled for April 8th at the Base Camp. It is a pot luck party and begins at noon. The Pitcher’s have approved this party and advised us that we should get up there early to set up at our usual “Gray Wolf” section of the Base Camp because the last day of the season is also going to be a family day and there may be lots of folks sharing the Base Camp with us.

I look forward to seeing a bunch of Gray Wolves on Closing Day to enjoy the end of another great ski season at Wolf Creek. See you there!!

Think Snow!!!!

David Lopez

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directory is available online.

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A Warm Welcome to Our
Newest Gray Wolves



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WOLF CREEK CLOSING DAY POT LUCK

SUNDAY, APRIL 8 12 NOON AT BASE CAMP



Join all your ski buddies for our last party of this ski season.
The club will provide plates, utensils, and beverages.
Please bring your favorite dish that will feed 8 - 10 people.



Let's celebrate the end of the 2011/2012 ski season in style.

2012 Membership Drive

Beginning **May 1**, please consider joining the club or renewing your membership for the 2012/2013 season.

You **MUST** pay your dues by **August 31, 2012**, to be eligible to buy a pre season lift pass at the special Gray Wolf rate. Find the application on the website at: WWW.GRAYWOLFSKICLUB.COM

Dues are \$15. per single or \$20. per couple.

Some advantages of club membership are:

- Discounted pre season lift pass.
- Get your daily lift ticket at Base Camp if you have a pre season lift pass. No ticket lines!!
- Free fountain drink of your choice at Base Camp on every Tuesday.
- Two lunches at the ski area, in January and February, that the club pays \$5. for each member.
- Club sponsored Mardi Gras party with Subway sandwiches, chips, and cake.
- Other club functions: Christmas party, annual meeting in June, tail gate party at the ski area on the first Saturday of the pre season pass sale, and closing day pot luck.

It pays to join and you will meet some of the most fun people in the area!!

Annual Business Meeting and Potluck



Pagosa Lakes Club House
Saturday, June 23, 2011 11:30 a.m.



The theme for the meeting is "Up, Up, And Away", in my beautiful balloon. The club will provide meat, plates, utensils, and beverages. Please bring a side dish that will feed 8 - 10 people.

We will have the annual reports from our President, Program Chair, and Treasurer, as well as hold an election of the following officers: President, Vice President, and Membership Coordinator. Anyone wishing to volunteer to be nominated for these offices, please contact one of the current Board members.

A SUMMERTIME OPPORTUNITY

Padi Scuba Water Course

Eric Schlom, lead mechanic at Wolf Creek Ski Area for 20 years, is also a Padi Master Instructor.

With a minimum of 4 adventuresome people, he will provide a lifetime certification course.

All equipment is provided except a mask, snorkel, and fins.

Approx. 3 weekends are needed to complete the course. The academics are done in Pagosa Springs and the pool sessions are held in Durango at Fort Lewis. An open water dive is held in either Utah or New Mexico.

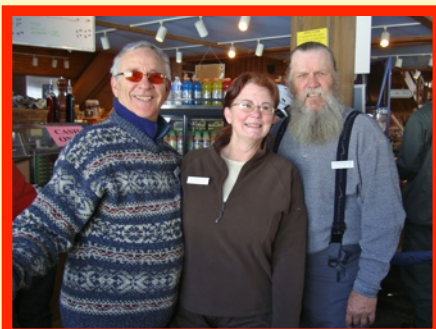
The cost of the course is \$375. per person.

If you are interested, you may contact Eric at 970-731-0865 or email him at greasyfingers@centurytel.net

The first Club luncheon of the year was held, at the Upper Lodge, on January 10.

A record 131 members participated.

It was wonderful to have such a great turnout to help celebrate a new year, Gray Wolf style.



The theme of the day was "Red Solo Cup". One could hear the lines of Toby Keith's popular song being sung all over the mountain.

GRAY WOLF PAJAMA DAY

FEB 7, 2012

Pajama Day was a new theme day for Gray Wolf members this year.

Everyone seemed to enjoy dressing up for this occasion, as you can tell from the group photo.

It was also another chance to take advantage of a club sponsored luncheon at the main Lodge.



Members enjoyed lunch items of their choice. The club paid \$5.00 of the cost for each member's lunch.

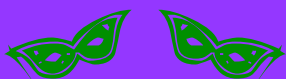
We schedule two lunches each season in January and February. In addition, the club provides lunch for the Mardi Gras party at Base Camp.

These lunches are only one of the benefits of your club membership.

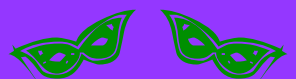


CONGRATULATIONS!

It seems that love blossomed this season at Wolf Creek. Two Gray Wolf couples announced their engagements during the Pajama Day luncheon. We offer our enthusiastic congratulations to Bob Hart and Penny Scott and to Poppy Borland and David Lopez.



Mardi Gras 2012



Many thanks to Pamela Novak for playing her guitar and singing for our party. Thanks also to her husband, Paul, for being her "Roadie".

On February 21, Gray Wolf members gathered at Base Camp for our third annual Mardi Gras celebration. More & more members are getting creative with their costumes. The club served Subway sandwiches, assorted chips, and cake for lunch. It was a FUN day!



On Thursday, March 29, a small group of Gray Wolf spring skiers met at Base Camp to enjoy one of the last remaining ski days of the season. Helen Hoff made a batch of her famous sticky buns and Will James planned to “hike the Peak” for a belated celebration of his 83rd birthday. He has done it each year since turning 80. It was a glorious, warm, blue-bird day for the group that made the hike.

The club has a new trophy, thanks to Poppy Borland, on which will be placed the names of those Gray Wolves, who upon turning 80 years young, make the hike to Alberta Peak to ski down its face. The names already on the trophy are Will James, who started the custom in 2009, Ozzie Wells and Wayne Odom, 2011. Who will be next?

