



# Gray Wolf Ski Club

*Serving the senior skiers of the San Juans*



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## Letter from the President

Now that the Christmas and New Year's frenzy is behind us we can get back to doing what we do best, skiing and socializing. We could however use a little help from Mother Nature in directing more snow our way as we launch into 2014. The group rain dance at the June AGM proved highly successful (the rain did not stop for 10 weeks). We may need to repeat our efforts to see if we can make it snow.

We have had some real fun already this ski season. The Charles Elliott's 100th birthday bash was an event that will be remembered by those that were there and experienced the magic. Charles, elegant as ever, skiing down through the honor guard of Gray Wolves members that lined Susan's run in tribute to him and all he has done for skiing, brought a lump in everybody's throat. We all shared Charles' joy as he was inducted as an honorary member of the US Ski Team and presented with his team jacket. The day concluded with a champagne toast, pot luck lunch, cake, a wonderful speech by Charles on his sometimes rocky relationship with skiing and the presentation of a plaque, designed by Mary Gamache, that will be on permanent display at Base Camp. Thanks in part to Bob Hite's excellent video; the event went global and viral. The video can be seen by accessing the link attached to this newsletter or on the Wolf Creek web site (click on the Bullwheel link). I would like to thank Davey and Rosanne Pitcher for helping to make the day special for Charles and to all those who worked tirelessly to plan and coordinate this event.

The Christmas Party was held at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts and brought together 150 of our members to eat, drink, sing and dance our way into Christmas. I would like to thank Tim and Laura Moore for providing their beautiful venue and Mike Hayward (Santa) for donating his time and spinning the tunes that got everybody up and dancing. Thanks also to those who helped set up and clean up after the event.

Coming up we have a full plate of activities planned. The second in our series of ski and snowboard clinics is coming up on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January. These clinics are in collaboration with the ski area and we had a great turn out for the first clinic in December, with most participants indicating they would be back for the January installment. One of the joys of skiing and boarding is that there is always something new to learn. These clinics will be held every month for the remainder of the season.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of January we have our first subsidized luncheon in concert with our Red Solo Cup Day. If you ever wondered, as I often do, how many different ways there are to use red solo cups as a decorative piece, then this event is for you. Also mark your calendars for Pajama Day and Mardi Gras later in the season. See this newsletter for more details.

We will also be continuing with our popular Gray Wolves Theater night with the next performance being "Boeing Boeing" on January 18. See this newsletter for further details. We will provide additional information on other upcoming live performances.

I would encourage members who would like to organize events through the club, particularly skiing and social events, to contact your board with your suggestions. We can only ever be as good as our member's willingness to participate, so we would love to hear from you.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming year and hope that the snow is plentiful and the joy of skiing and boarding unbridled.

Simon

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## **A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

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**Beginners, intermediates, even advanced skiers can benefit from lessons.**

**If you want to improve your skiing technique  
consider joining the Senior Ski/Board Clinic that  
Wolf Creek Ski Area is offering. See details below...**

### **SENIOR SKI/BOARD CLINIC AT WOLF CREEK SKI AREA**

**The two hour (10 am - noon) lesson rate is \$31.00 for all season pass holders.**

**Senior Rate is \$22.00 + \$31.00 = \$53.00 for Seniors (65 and older)  
without Season Pass**

**Adult Rate (must be 50 years old) is \$38.00 + \$31.00 = \$69.00 for Adults  
without Season Pass**

**Lessons are geared towards beginner to advanced levels.  
Preregistration not required. Buy your ticket at the main ticket window on the  
morning of the lesson.**

**The dates for the lessons are January 7, February 4 and March 4.**



# Charles Elliott's 100th Birthday Celebration at Wolf Creek Ski Area

## (The day in pictures)



Click on the link to watch the video that Bob Hite filmed to commemorate this event.  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q1GhLpUYQao&list=UUJT3-31aqc1FwUedLTxsLMg>

# 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

## Gray Wolves Theater Night

### Saturday, January 18, 2014

The next Gray Wolves Theater night is scheduled for Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 2014.

The play is “Boeing Boeing”. This 2008 Tony Award winning French farce tells the tale of Bernard an Architect in Paris. Bernard manages to juggle relationships with three flight attendant girlfriends during the piston engine era of aviation but the advent of the much faster jets in the early 1960’s, wreaks havoc with his orchestrated relationship timetable. Now considered in the top tier of regional theaters in the southwest, the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts delivers another high quality production with superb acting.

The play is rated PG 13.

Tickets will be discounted for the Gray Wolves for \$18.00 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](http://www.pagosacenter.org) and accessing the promo code “GW1” or by contacting the theater box office at 970 731 7469. If you have any further questions contact Simon Fuger at 970-264-1003.

## Luncheons and Theme Days for Ski Season 2014

The first Club sponsored lunch in the Main Lodge, at Wolf Creek Ski Area will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014. The Club will pay \$5.00 of whatever you choose from the menu. You are responsible for the balance of the bill, including your drink. There will be a sign up sheet in Base Camp or you can email Mary Gamache at: [buckmarygamache@aol.com](mailto:buckmarygamache@aol.com) with your reservation. You may also call her at 970-731-8389. Please respond by Jan. 9, 2014. The ski area will need to know if you are choosing the ‘special for the day’ in order to plan accordingly and not run out. When you respond, please indicate if you will have the ‘special’. **The special has changed from brisket to beef stroganoff. If you do not want the beef stroganoff, please change your choice on the list in Base Camp or call Mary.**



The theme for the first luncheon will be **“Red Solo Cup Day”**. This will be the third year for this theme. The participation and creativity has grown each year – so start planning your Red Solo Cup creation!!

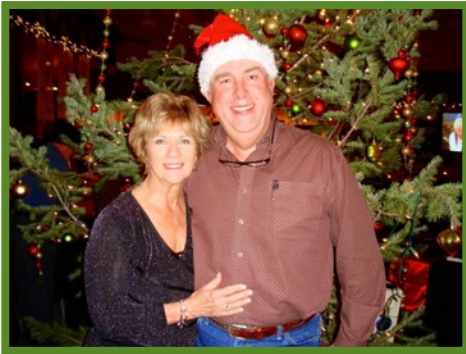
Our next luncheon in the Lodge will be on Tuesday, February 11. The theme will be “Pajama Day”. Just roll out of bed and head to the slopes that morning. There will be a sign up sheet in Base Camp. The deadline for signing up is February 6.

On Tuesday, March 4, we will celebrate Mardi Gras, Wolf Creek style. The costumes are getting more elaborate each year. Let’s try to make this year’s party the best yet. The club will again supply 6”subs from Subway, chips, and cake.



# *Gray Wolf Christmas Party at The Performing Arts Center*

*Dec. 17, 2013*











**Our Christmas Party this year  
was a splendid success.**

**150 members/guests attended.**

**The Performing Arts Center's  
decorations were marvelous!!**

**We enjoyed dinner, drinks, and  
dancing.**

**A special thanks to Mike  
Hayward, aka, Skiing Santa, who  
provided the great dance music!**

