

Gray Wolf Ski Club

Serving the senior skiers of the San Juans

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President's Letter

As our ski season draws to a close we can reflect on how it all went. From a snow point of view it was odd. Four really good dumps followed by weeks, and in the case of December-January, a month of no snow. However the late January into February storm produced nearly 10 feet of snow and some of the greatest skiing many of us have ever experienced. The social events, on the other hand, were met with great consistency and participation by the members. All of the events, Red Solo Cup, Pajama Day and Mardi Gras were the most attended in the history of the Club. The final week Beach Party was held in very unbeach like conditions so turnout was light but still spirited. The June Pot Luck and Annual Business Meeting is ahead of us and I am sure it will be met with the same level of enthusiasm. This year we also partnered with the Ski Area to make the senior ski and snow board clinics available to all Gray Wolf season ticket holders. Many took advantage of the clinics and really benefited from the experience.

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the Gray Wolf Ski Club. We will use the June Pot Luck and Annual Business Meeting scheduled for Wednesday June 18th, to celebrate this landmark occasion. We hope that some of the original members from 1984 will be able to celebrate with us. If you know any of those who might have been around 30 years ago, let them know to attend. In reviewing the club archives, over the last 30 years, it is obvious how the Club has served, as the initial spring board for many other clubs. From Cross Country Skiing, Hiking, Snow Shoeing, ATVing, Four Wheeling to name just a few. As clubs were formed to specifically address these other activities the Gray Wolf Club ceded these activities to the specialty clubs. We did however remain true to our core value of promoting skiing and socializing. With nearly 700 members this year, the club is bigger than it has ever been so even though our focus has narrowed over the years, the appeal of skiing and socializing remains as relevant as it was thirty years ago.

Our plan is to continue to provide the level of subsidized "freebies" as we have in the past. The theme lunches, the Tuesday drinks, the Summer Party, Tail Gate Party and Christmas Party. Our focus over the last few years has been to reinvest your dues in events for the members. We knew that we would deplete the clubs cash reserves by doing so. We are now at the point where those reserves have been worked down. At last year's annual meeting it was decided that the club would not curtail funding for the social activities but rather increase the dues from \$20.00 per couple to \$25.00 per year. Individual membership at \$15.00 would remain the same. This increase was voted on at the last Annual meeting and has gone into effect for this year's dues. At this year's Annual Meeting in June we will also have several Board positions that will be coming up for election, so we would encourage you all to participate.

Lastly, though our season has wound down, we will continue to provide activities through the summer. The popular Gray Wolf Theater night at the Pagosa Center for the Arts will continue. There is an incredible series of performances on tap that should not be missed. This includes Reds, Les Miserables, Chorus Line, Beauty and the Beast, and Spelling Bee. The cast will again consist of national stage actors along with some local talent and original costuming from the Broadway and London productions. Also, in order to stay in touch during the "off" season we will be meeting informally at the Riff Raff Brewery every Tuesday at 3.00 pm or so. This allows members to take advantage of Riff Raff's great Happy Hour prices for their own beer and appetizers. This informal gathering will start on May 27th and run through the Summer.

This year we lost several of our longstanding members who passed away. George Berkstresser, Mike Schneider and Jean Shah will be missed and our thoughts and condolences go out to their families.

I would like to thank my Board members for the incredible dedication and enthusiasm they bring to your club. They are a real joy to work with and have done so much to make it a great ski season. I look forward to seeing you all at the Summer Party and Annual Business Meeting on June 18th.

Simon

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A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Gray Wolves

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2014 Membership Drive

New **August 15** deadline to qualify for pre season pass sale

Beginning **May 1**, please consider joining the club or renewing your membership for the 2014/2015 season.

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.

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, for which the club pays \$5. for each member.
- Club sponsored Mardi Gras party with Subway sandwiches, chips, and cake.
- Other club functions: Christmas party, annual business meeting in June, tail gate party at the ski area on the first Saturday of the pre season pass sale, and closing week pot luck.

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

There is consideration of discontinuing the hot line avalanche recorded phone message. If you feel like this service should remain active, please email caic@state.co.us or write to: Colorado Avalanche Information Center at 325 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80305



Annual Business Meeting and 30th Anniversary Celebration



Pagosa Lakes Club House

Wednesday

June 18, 2014

5:00 pm

The theme for the meeting is

“30 Years of Skiing and Socializing”

The club will provide meat (roast pig and chicken), plates, utensils, and beverages.

Please bring a side dish that will feed 6 -8 people.



We will have the annual reports from our President, Program Chair, and Treasurer, as well as hold an election of the following officers:

Vice President,

Membership Coordinator and Program Chair.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to be nominated for these offices, please contact Simon Fuger.



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 Wolf Tuesday at Riff Raff Brewing Company

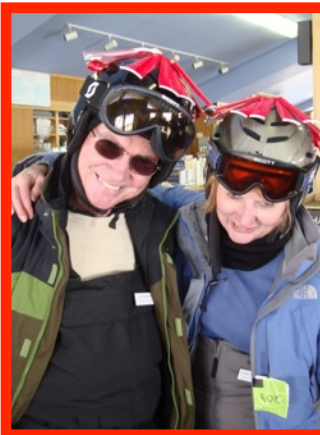


Beginning Tuesday, May 27, there will be a weekly, informal gathering of Gray Wolves at the Riff Raff Brewing Company.

Come on in, starting at 3 pm, and enjoy ½ price beer and ½ price on selected appetizers.

Bring your friends!

**The first Club luncheon of the year was held, at the Upper Lodge, on January 14.
It was our 3rd Annual "Red Solo Cup Day"**



**This years' Red Solo Cup creations
were the best yet!**

**Our Club has quite a number of creative
and fun loving members!!!**



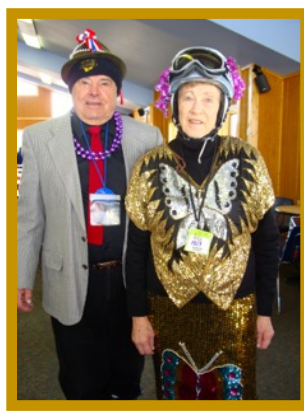
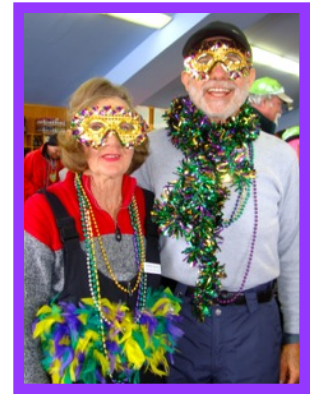
It was a beautiful blue bird day, following 12 straight days of snow that totaled 93 inches, for our 3rd Annual Pajama Day luncheon at the Main Lodge.

More and more members are getting into the fun of dressing up for our theme days.

It was a great turnout, and the skiing was pretty awesome, as well!



On March 4, Gray Wolf members gathered at Base Camp for our 5th Annual Mardi Gras celebration. The costumes this year were GREAT!!! The club served Subway sandwiches, assorted chips, and cake for lunch. It was a 'FUNTASTIC' day!



Closing Week Beach Party & Potluck - April 1, 2014



**Celebrating the end of a great season for the Gray Wolf Ski Club at Wolf Creek Ski Area...
It was a windy day at the beach!!**