

# Gray Wolf Ski Club

*Serving the senior skiers of the San Juans*



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## President's Letter

This past ski season was a season with a shortage of snow, but there were a few terrific powder days and days with fantastic groomers. Our parties, as always, have been great successes for those who attended. The Christmas Party was wonderful, and for next year we plan on spreading out the tables to make it easier for folks to walk around and visit. I thank all those who worked on the events and those who attended. We couldn't have done it without all of you.

For your convenience, we are in the process of setting up PayPal on our website. You will be able to pay your dues, buy a Name Tag, or order a Gray Wolf Shirt all at the same time. A few shirts will be available at our next meeting, and then they will be available to order once a year, by Aug 15, at our website. Just like name tags, they will be delivered by mail in Sept. or at our first day to get a season pass Tail Gate Party.

The Board is considering setting up a Services Committee to be headed by the VP. Volunteers to this committee would take on tasks such as handling the delivery of name tags and GW shirts, plus other services that may appear in the future. Taking on these tasks would relieve Board members who are busy with their regular tasks. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact any of our Board Members, particularly the VP.

Cindy Gustafson, a long time Gray Wolf passed away this past season. Many of us will miss having Cindy at our parties. Recently, Linda Warren passed away. Spanky and Linda were also long time members of the club.

Our Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30th and will be much like those of the recent past – pig, chicken, beer, wine, and desert and side dishes potluck, with music by our own D.J. Dude. You can check further on in this newsletter for how you can participate. We hope you can attend, as this is our most important and most valued party of the year. We do spend some time voting and announcing events of the coming year, but most of the time is spent eating, drinking and visiting with ski buddies we haven't seen for a few months.

I have been a Board member for a long time, and I do not intend to run for office this year. However, I will be remaining on the Board as a non-voting Emeritus Director. I have enjoyed working with the GW Board and Club, and I recommend it to all members. It has been a learning experience for me and I believe that during my tenure we have accomplished much and moved the Club into providing the events and services that the membership desires. Thank you for the opportunity.

Ron Chacey, Pres. GW Ski Club

# Gray Wolf Officers - 2014/15

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## 2015 Membership Drive

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

Beginning **April 15**, consider joining the club or renewing your membership for the 2015/2016 season.

**\*You MUST pay your dues by August 15, 2015\***, to be eligible to buy a pre season lift pass at the special Gray Wolf rate. Find the application on the website at: [WWW.GRAYWOLFSLIKLUB.COM](http://WWW.GRAYWOLFSLIKLUB.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, 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!!**



Beginning April 15, tee shirts and name tags may be ordered when you join or renew your membership. Detailed information will be posted on the website when it becomes available.

The Gray Wolf logo, pictured here, will be on the front of the tee shirt as a pocket patch. A large logo will be centered on the back of the shirt.





# Annual Business Meeting and Luau



## Pagosa Lakes Club House

Tuesday

June 30, 2015

11:30 a.m.

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

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

We will have several items to vote on at the Annual Meeting – Bylaws change, membership/dues change, and election of officers.

We will vote on changing our Bylaws to have the President and Vice-president elected for 2 years in alternating years. Up until now we have voted every year on only a VP who automatically became the President the following year. With the new system, a really good President can be elected to subsequent and continuous terms, making for consistent leadership and for better Club representation in the community. Also, we suspect that more members will volunteer to be VP (an easy job) if they don't have to then be President the next year.



The current Bylaws include: "The President and Vice President shall serve for a one (1) year term and the Vice President shall automatically become President after a one (1) year term served as Vice President."



If approved by the affirmative vote of the membership at the 2015 Annual Meeting with a quorum, the Bylaws paragraph above would be replaced by: "The President shall be elected for a two (2) year term in the even numbered years, and the Vice President shall be elected for a two (2) year term in the odd numbered years."

We will also vote on changing the membership from couples and singles memberships to everyone as an individual membership with a dues payment of \$15 per person. This is a \$2.50 increase per person for couples and no increase for singles. This will have everyone paying equally and make it possible to have an easy to manage on-line membership database with everyone having their own line and email address. (We never publish email addresses) The original purpose of the couple's membership was to give a break to couples who only received one newsletter, back when we were spending most of our dues to send out monthly newsletters. We are asking for this change now, as we are now setting up the new on-line system of membership data management. If approve, the dues change will take place starting April 1, 2016.

The rest of the votes will be for Club Officers. Anyone who would like to volunteer to run for a position on the Board is welcome to do so, by informing Ron Chacey any time before or at the Annual Meeting. Ron will call for nominations from the floor just before the vote. The Board positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and Publications Editor will be voted upon. The Treasurer and Publications Editor have agreed to run for the positions they now hold. The position of Vice-president is available, with no current volunteers, and we have a volunteer to run for Secretary. The new VP will serve either by the new or the old system, depending upon the earlier vote concerning VP terms.





# 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



The first Club luncheon of the year was held, at the Upper Lodge, on January 13.

It was our 4th Annual "Pajama Day".

With 12" of new snow that day, the skiing was awesome, but the turnout was light due to the snow and wind. The hearty souls that attended had great powder skiing and an opportunity to enjoy a subsidized meal at the Lodge.

The Club paid \$5. of each member's lunch.

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Wake up, it's a powder day!!!



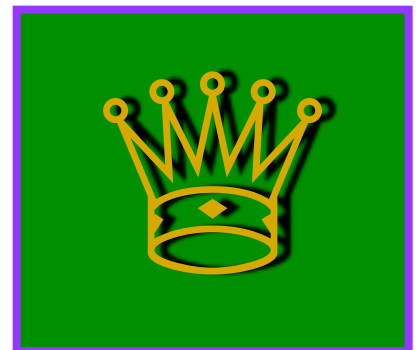
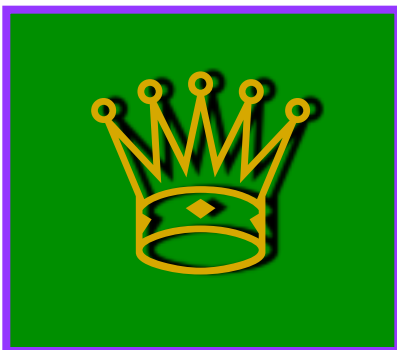
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Let's just go in our P. J.'s

On February 10, Gray Wolf members gathered at Base Camp for our 6th Annual Mardi Gras celebration. We celebrated a week early this year due to the actual date coming during a busy week for the ski area. Members dressed in various fun costumes. The club served Subway sandwiches, assorted chips, and cake for lunch. We know how to "let the good times roll"!!!









**On February 7, 2015, Wolf Creek Ski Area celebrated their 75th anniversary with a “ski boot” dance contest on the deck of the Lodge, and, of course, many Gray Wolves showed up to participate!**

**Charles Elliott, our 101 year old member and one of the first people to ski on Wolf Creek Pass, was on hand to enjoy the festivities. The ladies all wanted a photo with Charles!!**

**We enjoyed dancing and listening to the music of the Sean Healen Band from Santa Fe, NM.**

**The club members broke out in a line dance, showing off their “ski boot” dance moves...and boy, what a workout it is dancing in your ski boots at 10, 600 feet!!! We actually won prizes for that dance!**





**A new theme this year was "Hippie Day"! Our second luncheon at the Lodge was March 3rd. Again, a storm kept some members from attending, but 2' of powder from the previous 2 days and another 12" on the day of the luncheon brought out the "powder hounds" of the Club!**





## 🍺 *Gray Wolf Tuesday at Riff Raff Brewing Company* 🍺

Throughout the ski season, Club members continued to meet at Riff Raff Brewing Co after a day of skiing.

Beginning at 2 pm, with a current day's lift ticket, members received half price beers and selected half price appetizers.

Some Tuesdays, the Club practically filled the available seating!!

We will continue to meet throughout the spring and summer.



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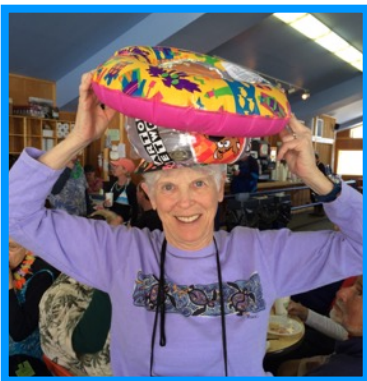
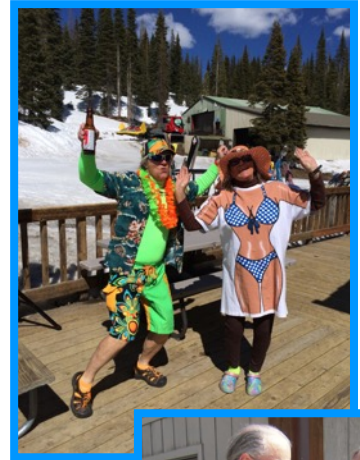
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# Closing Week Beach Party & Potluck - March 31, 2015



It was a perfect, warm, blue-bird, spring day for a beach party, complete with slushy snow, delicious food and dancing on the deck at Base Camp!!!  
We celebrated the end of another great season for the Gray Wolf Ski Club at Wolf Creek Ski Area.  
Thanks to all who participated in our events throughout the skiing season!!  
**YOU ALL** are a part of what makes this the **MOST FUN** club in the area!!  
Thanks to Mikey Hayward for providing the music and sharing some great photos!  
Let's keep the FUN going...

