



# Gray Wolf Ski Club

*Serving the senior skiers of the San Juans*



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## Letter from the President

The subtle climatic shift from the glories of summer to the impending winter, is upon us. The flowers and the trees start to look tired; the gray chill days remind us of what is to come. Almost instinctively we reacquaint ourselves with our ski equipment. The rock skis that we swore last year had seen their last season, did not look so bad after all. They would do as rock bait to start the season. The ski outfit that had served us faithfully for so many years was a little threadbare but deserved another season exposed to the elements. Besides most of your ski buddies object to apparel change.

So the wait begins. Little glimmers of snow hope spread across the TV weather man's charts. Somehow it is never enough. The big El Niño is coming, the stars are aligned, and the Prairie Dog sneezed, it's all great news for the eternal snow optimists amongst us. The storms will go north, or they will go south and hopefully, just occasionally Wolf Creek will be in the bullseye and we will be the belle of the ball for a few days. What days they will be. So with that in mind your Board has been busy planning the great events that you have become accustomed to.

The Christmas Party will be held Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Center for the Performing Arts. Because of space considerations, we will limit the attendance to 125 people this year. This event has always sold out so do not delay in getting your reservation. The subsidized lunch in January will be Cowboy Up Day, February is Mardi Gras, March is Hippie Day and then the

final Tuesday of the season will be our traditional Beach Day.

This year's weekly Tuesday Après Ski Hoppy Hour will alternate monthly between the Riff Raff Brewery and Wolfe Brewery. We will remind you by email which locale we are in for that month. November will be Wolfe Brewing. These get together's are a great way to wind down from the days alpine adventures. We will continue to have the Gray Wolves Theater nights at the incredible Pagosa Center for the Performing Arts. We will let you know which plays and what nights will be Gray Wolves events. Those who wish to ski Telluride this year can get a three day pass for \$199.00 (\$66.00 per day) at the Hesperus Ski Patrol Ski Swap on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the La Plata Fairgrounds in Durango. The Gray Wolves will also receive a discount at the Mountainside Inn in Telluride. Rates will be around \$100.00 /night for a double room, space available.

Finally thank you to all who participated in the Gray Wolves Tail Gate Party. The Brats, food, libations and music flowed freely. Thanks to all those who helped set up and break down for this event. Those who did not attend can relive it vicariously through the photo essay in this newsletter.

See you on the slopes.

Simon

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**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

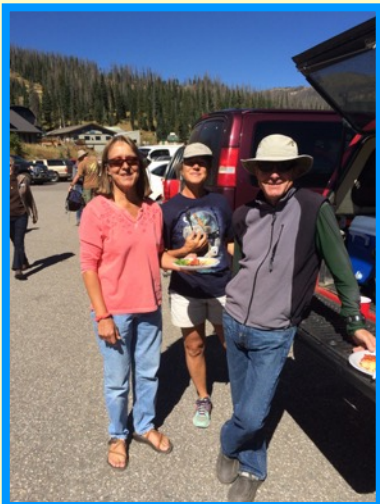
15% below listed rate including breakfast

# 5th Annual Preseason Pass Sale and Tailgate Party at Wolf Creek Ski Area

## Saturday, September 26, 2015



**LET IT SNOW!!**





It was an incredibly warm and sunny day for our 5th annual Tail Gate and Preseason Pass Sale party in the parking lot at Wolf Creek Ski Area.



Well over 100 members came up to enjoy the brats and yummy side dishes that were served.

This has become a favorite event for members as it signals the beginning of a new season at our beloved mountain.

A special thanks to our brat masters, Keith and Larry, our DJ, Mikey and Roger O. for sharing some of his photos.



# Gray Wolf Christmas Party

**When:** Tuesday, December 15, 2015

**Where:** The Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

2313 Eagle Dr Pagosa Springs, CO [Directions](#)

**Time:** Begins at 5:30 pm Dinner at 6 pm

**Music:** Our Club member, Mikey Hayward aka: D J Dude

**Menu:** Provided by Smoke'n Moe's BBQ

Appetizers, soup, rosemary sage roasted pork loin, red skin potatoes, ratatouille, focaccia, assorted desserts, tea & coffee

Each person will receive a \$5.00 coupon at the door to use toward a drink from the bar. (non alcoholic or alcoholic)

The cost for each member is \$25.00. If you bring a guest that is a non-member the cost is \$30.00

Payment will be accepted online, beginning Nov. 7, through Paypal.

There will be a link on the Club's website.

There is a limit of 125 reservations for our party this year.

Tues. Dec. 1, is the cutoff for making your reservation, or before, if the limit of 125 is met.

**Reserve Early!!**

**We hope to see you there!**

The first Club sponsored lunch, at the Main Lodge, at Wolf Creek Ski Area will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016. 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. If you plan to attend you will be able to sign up on our website. The ski area needs to know if you are choosing the 'special for the day' in order to plan accordingly and not run out.

The theme for the first luncheon will be "Cowboy Up Day".

This is the first year for this theme. So y'all round up your western duds and scoot on up to Wolf Creek to join the Gray Wolf Buckaroos for a rip-roaring day of skiing and chowing down on some good grub!!

