



Gray Wolf Ski Club

Serving the senior skiers of the San Juans



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President's Letter

Mud season came early this year and turned into "the winter of our discontent". The big El Niño was the big El Busto. Just like the beginning of the baseball season, there was great anticipation that this year would be the World Series of dumps. Sure enough it all started off so well, with a windfall of early snow, even shutting down the Ski Area Christmas day. Then, just like the mid-season in baseball, the awful reality set in that it was not to be as the drought of February and March dragged on. In the end we were less than average, and who wants to be that. My bet on a minimalist snowfall fell victim to the last week of snow and some very spurious accounting of snowfall totals. At least the last official week the ski area was open produced some of the best ski days of the season.

As usual the lack of snow did not get in the way of the club activities and the participation of so many of our members. This newsletter in particular showcases some of the on and off slope activities of the winter. Going forward we have our annual meeting scheduled for Tuesday June 28th. Details are available later in this newsletter. As usual we have a slate of Board positions available. If you have an interest in serving, please let me know prior to the Annual Meeting. It is a great Board and a lot of fun and fresh ideas are welcome.

The club will continue all summer to gather at the Riff Raff Brewery every Tuesday at around 3.00PM for a social get together. In addition we will resume our Theater nights at the Performing Arts Center. The upcoming productions are "A Few Good Men", "The Little Mermaid" "A Funny thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" "Cabaret" and "Always Patsy Cline" A really diverse line up of great entertainment. We will let you know which nights will be designated as Gray Wolves nights.

Do not forget that you can now renew your Gray Wolf Membership for the 2016-17 season by going online to graywolfskiclub.com. For the last year you have been able to pay by credit card or PayPal. This has proven to be very popular with some 80% of our members who are now choosing to use this payment method. Remember that you must join/rejoin by August 15th in order to be eligible to receive the Gray Wolf Season Pass discount from the Ski Area and be able to pick up your daily lift ticket at Base Camp. If you are 80+ your membership is free but the Club must still receive your membership form.

You may also order a name tag online. Just check the box on the membership form. They are \$12.00 and should be worn during social occasions. An order is placed for name tags on September 1. We purchase in bulk to reduce the price. They will be mailed to all who ordered them before ski season. Be sure to order yours by August 15.

We look forward, as much as we can, to the non-ski season. We have plenty of activities going on and would love to hear from you on what other things we can do make your club even better.

Simon Fuger
President

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A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Gray Wolves



JOHN & LAURA BALUZY
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RODNEY & MUFFET BOMAR
BIG SPRING, TX

TOM & CINDY CLARK
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2016 Membership Drive

August 15 deadline to qualify for pre season pass sale

NO EXCEPTIONS

Beginning **April 15**, please consider joining the club or renewing your membership for the 2016/2017 season.

You MUST pay your dues by August 15, 2016, 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 person. Membership for those 80+ is free, but you must still renew your membership each year.

Please provide your email address to stay current on Club news and activities.

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!!



Annual Business Meeting and Luau



Pagosa Lakes Club House

Tuesday

June 28, 2016

11:30 am

The club will provide meat (pork 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: President, Membership Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Chair, and East Side Representative.

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 Tuesdays, in April, 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 on Jan.12, 2016, at the Main Lodge. It was our First Annual "Cowboy Up Day". Each member received a \$. credit for lunch, paid for by the Club. Yee-Haw ya'll - what a deal!!



A fine looking posse of wranglers showed up for our first Cowboy Up Day at The Lodge. The grub was great and the Cowgirls and Cowboys were decked out in their finest hats and western garb. It was a beautiful day for a shindig, Gray Wolf style!





On a glorious bluebird day near the end of January, a record number of Gray Wolf members (20) joined Dave Bryan to celebrate his 80th birthday by hiking Alberta Peak and then skiing down to Base Camp where congratulations were bestowed on Dave for his accomplishment! Dave's name will be added to the trophy which hangs in Base Camp with the names of other members who have attained this distinction. The celebration continued at Wolfe Brewing Company with another record number of members showing up for Happy Hour. Our members sure know how to party!



A beautiful Bluebird day greeted the revelers who dressed to celebrate Mardi Gras, in style, at Base Camp this year. The costumes just continue to get more elaborate every year.

The Club provided Subway sandwiches, chips and cake for the hungry merrymakers.

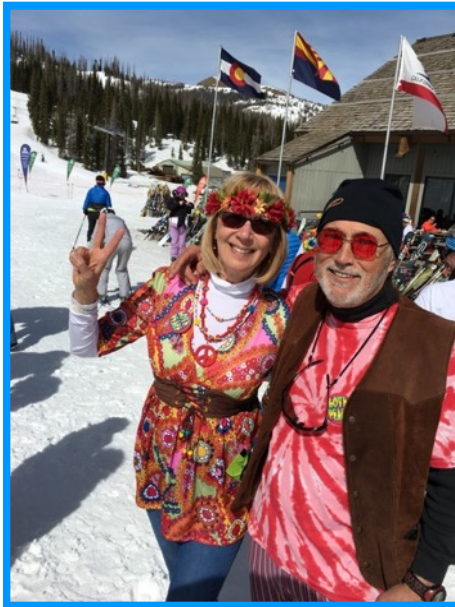
Let's keep this Club tradition going strong and have even more participants next season.





Hippie Day March 1, 2016





Tie Dye, beads, and flower power were in abundance at our 2nd Annual Hippy Day and Luncheon at the Main Lodge.
It was a beautiful day to enjoy the sunshine on the deck and the groomers on the slopes.



Closing Week Beach Party & Potluck - March 31, 2016



**Celebrating the end of the 2015/2016 season for the Gray Wolf Ski Club at Wolf Creek Ski Area...
It was a windy and snowy day at WC, but the food, costumes and camaraderie made it feel beachy!!**

