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President's Letter

Hello to all, as I write on behalf of the Gray Wolf board. As we observe the season slowly approaching its closing this Sunday the 2nd, I reflect on the great season we have had, with one comment concerning Mother Nature. It seems that she did not like our choice of Tuesdays as our party days on the mountain except for this last Beach Party function. Nevertheless, it was a wonderful season and a great opportunity to meet new members and tell "war stories" to old friends.

I especially would like to thank your board members Muriel Eason, Mary Gamache, Poppy Borland, Lassie Olin, Stacy Mergens, Cynthia Riski and Eve Wells for keeping me on task and from making a complete fool of myself. With their help along with past presidents Simon Fuger and Ron Chacey we had great success with our theater gatherings and Gray Wolf parties. We have been addressing the small problems that arose with trying to coordinate food and drink for 150 members at some of our functions and hopefully we can iron out the glitches.

Our annual membership meeting date is Tuesday, June 27th at the PLPOA building, opening at 11:00 am and potluck food served at 11:30 along with the beer and wine provided for the members.

Membership renewal will be available on the website starting April 15th. You may use a Paypal account or a credit card. Those without internet access may still mail memberships or drop off renewals at the annual meeting. We would prefer as many as can to use Paypal.

I hate to close with a dark moment but I mentioned this at the Beach Party and for you members that did not hear it I sadly mention we lost a member this last Saturday who was taken off life support after a skiing accident last Wednesday the 22nd. Mike Black was a Gray Wolf member from Key Largo, Florida and owned a home here in Pagosa. He is survived by his wife and beautiful daughter of 13 years of age. Our bylaws forbid making a donation to the family, but a 'GoFundMe' account has been set up for donations to the family. My wife Lassie and I will send a card on behalf of the club and express condolences on behalf of our club. I am at a loss on how to soften this tragedy but I must leave you skiers with this reminder for the sport that we all love and embrace....it is dangerous along with being exciting and we must be aware of the dangers.

[Click here to support Mike Black Medical & Family Fund by David Reiner](http://www.gofundme.com)
www.gofundme.com

An embrace in thought to all you Wolves, Larry Olin

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To access our website click on the link below.

www.graywolfskiclub.com



2017 Membership Drive

August 15 deadline to qualify for preseason pass sale

NO EXCEPTIONS



Beginning April 15, please consider joining the club or renewing your membership for the 2017/2018 season. ***You MUST pay your dues by August 15, 2017***, 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.
- Three lunches at the ski area, for which the club pays \$6. for each member.
- 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.

GWSC Calendar of Events

April	May	June	July
<u>Sun. April 2</u> Wolf Creek Closing Day	<u>Thurs. May 25</u> 7:00pm GW Theater Night God of Carnage	<u>Sat. June 24</u> 7:00pm GW Theater Night Aida	<u>Fri. July 14</u> 7:00pm GW Theater Night Hairspray
		<u>Tues. June 27</u> 11:00 Annual Business Meeting & Luau PLPOA Clubhouse	
<u>Every Tues.</u> 3:00 Happy Hour at Bordé Rio	<u>Every Tues.</u> 3:00 Happy Hour at Bordé Rio	<u>Every Tues.</u> 3:00 Happy Hour at Bordé Rio	<u>Every Tues.</u> 3:00 Happy Hour at Bordé Rio

You may want to print this information to have as a reminder. Please share with someone you may know who does not have email. Thanks, Mary



Annual Business Meeting & Luau

Tuesday June 27, 2017 11:00am



The meeting will be held at the PLPOA clubhouse
located at
[230 Port Avenue, Pagosa Springs, CO](https://www.google.com/maps/place/230+Port+Avenue,+Pagosa+Springs,+CO)
(click on the address to see location on Google Maps)

The Club will provide meat (pork and chicken), plates, utensils,
and beverages.

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

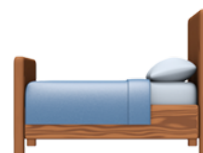
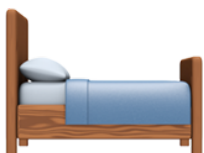
We will have the annual reports from our President, Treasurer, and
Program Chair, as well as hold an election of the following officers:
Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Publications Editor.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to be nominated for these offices,
please contact Larry Olin.



Pajama Day at Wolf Creek

January 10, 2017



Gray Wolves
crawl out of bed and go skiing. We are a dedicated group! Fun loving, as well!



This was our first luncheon of the season. The Club paid \$5. of each member's lunch.



Purgatory Back Country Ski Trip

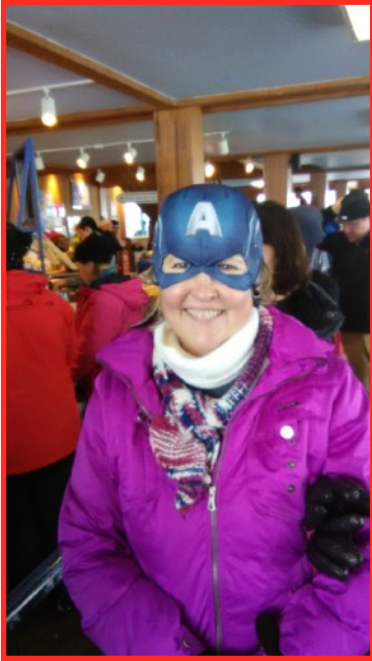
January 16, 2017



On January 16, a group of hardy Gray Wolf powder hounds took a snow cat out of Purgatory Ski Area to find untracked lines in the back country.

With two guides in tow along with three Australian Journalists, the Gray Wolves participating did the club proud by gaining global notoriety in the United Kingdoms Evening Standard newspaper. (See Gray Wolves Website).

Super Hero Day February 7, 2017

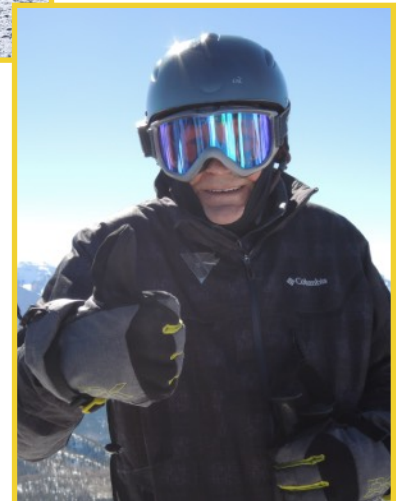


This was the first season for Super Hero Day. It was another reason to look for a new costume to add to our ever growing collections. Gray Wolf members enjoyed lunch in the Main Lodge. The Club paid \$.50 for each member's lunch that day.



80th Birthday Celebration Hike to Alberta Peak

February 21, 2017



Congratulations!!

The octogenarians celebrating this milestone were Eve Wells (the 1st woman), Klaus Neubert, Bruce Trenk, Arthur Hurley, and John Wade.

Their names are now on the trophy in Base Camp.



WOW, what a day!!!!
On February 21, 44 Gray Wolves made the hike up to Alberta Peak to celebrate the 80th birthday of five members of our Club.

Mardi Gras Celebration

February 28, 2017



Well, the weather, so far this season, has been stormy for each of our luncheons at Wolf Creek and Mardi Gras was no exception! It was a great powder day but the turnout was limited. Of course the hardy Wolves that did attend partied & "let the good times roll"!! The Club provided Subway sandwiches, chips, and cake.



Wolf Pack Happy Hours



As you can see from the photos, our Happy Hours have become so popular that this winter the Club met at Bordé Rio in their spacious back room which overlooks the San Juan River.

Our amazing waiter, Steven, kept us all happy, serving ½ price beer, as well as, other yummy libations. We have decided to keep our Happy Hours at Bordé Rio throughout the Spring and Summer so you don't have to lose touch with your ski buddies just because the season has ended. An added bonus is the deck overlooking the river will be open. Show up at 3 pm and bring any company you may have so they can experience what a great group of people belong to the best club in Pagosa!!!





Beach Party Day



March 28, 2017



Our last hurrah of the 2016/2017 ski season was our annual Beach Party and potluck. As was the case this season for our events on the mountain, it was a powder day.



However, the ☀️ was out and that made for the best turnout of the season. The food was delicious and the beach attire had us dreaming of summer activities.



It has been a great season and we are sorry to see it end, but rest assured that your Board is already making plans for next ski season...stay tuned!

