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President's Letter

Hello Gray Wolf Members! I am excited to serve as your new president! This is my opportunity to give a little back to the community of Gray Wolves who have so enriched mine and John's lives in the short time we have been members.

In reading our bylaws, it states the purposes of the Gray Wolf Ski Club are to promote:

1. skiing
2. other outdoor sports programs
3. fellowship through organized activities, for people 50 years of age and older.

This sounds to me like having a lot of fun with a wonderful group of people! How great is that?! My main goal is to continue and not mess up the great thing the Gray Wolves already have going.

We had a fabulous annual meeting in June. The food was fantastic and the people were fabulous and energetic as always. Thank you to all who came early to set up and stayed late to clean. We did conduct a bit of business at the meeting. President Larry Olin gave his always honest, funny and informative talk. In addition to the president's position, two other board positions were voted on and approved resulting in Lassie Olin and Cynthia Riski continuing in their current positions as program chair and membership coordinator respectively. Lassie and Cynthia have done outstanding jobs and we are very happy they agreed to fulfill another term.

Membership has its privileges! Be sure you have paid your dues no later than **Aug. 15** so you can enjoy the benefits of membership such as:

- Discounts on season ski lift passes and theater tickets;
- Discounts with participating merchants (see webpage for listing);
- Three subsidized fun and crazy lunch parties at Wolf Creek during ski season;
- A free hot beverage or fountain drink every Tuesday and Saturday at Wolf Creek during ski season;
- Annual events with food, fun and fellowship: Tail Gate, Christmas, Ski Area Beach Party & Summer Luau;
- Weekly happy hours every **Tuesday afternoon**;
- Opportunities to meet new friends and reconnect with current friends; and
- The ability to stay connected and informed online through the Gray Wolf website, www.graywolfskiclub.com, emails, and the Gray Wolf Facebook page.

Coming up soon is the annual tailgate party at Wolf Creek when we purchase our season passes and enjoy great food and fun. We hope to see you all there. See details on page 3 of this newsletter.

Finally, I want to thank and acknowledge Larry Olin for his time as Gray Wolf president. Larry always made the Gray Wolves a priority with his wisdom, humor, insight and integrity. We are all the beneficiaries of Larry's sincere commitment to this organization. Larry will thankfully remain on the board as the past president and I look forward to his continued guidance.

Janna

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www.graywolfskiclub.com



2018/2019 Membership Drive

August 15 deadline to qualify for preseason pass sale

NO EXCEPTIONS



Our membership drive continues until August 15, 2018.

You MUST pay your dues by August 15, 2018 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.
- Free fountain drink or hot beverage of your choice at Base Camp on every Tuesday and Saturday.
- Three lunches at the ski area, for which the club pays \$6. for each member.
- Other club functions: Christmas party, Annual Business Meeting and Luau 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

July	August	September	October
<u>Fri. July 27</u> 7:00pm GW Theater Night Little Shop of Horrors	<u>Fri. Aug. 17</u> 7:00 pm GW Theater Night Thoroughly Modern Millie	<u>Sat. Sept. 22</u> 11:00 am Annual Tail Gate & Pre Season Pass Sale at Wolf Creek	
<u>Every Tues.</u> 3:00 pm Happy Hour at Riff Raff on the Rio	<u>Every Tues.</u> 3:00 pm Happy Hour at Riff Raff on the Rio	<u>Every Tues.</u> 3:00 pm Happy Hour at Riff Raff on the Rio	<u>Every Tues.</u> 3:00 pm Happy Hour at Riff Raff on the Rio

Important Information from Wolf Creek Ski Area

Gray Wolf Season Pass Info

Construction is underway at Wolf Creek Ski Area! We are working to get the Meadow Lift, a high-speed, detachable quad up and running for the 2018-2019 ski season. Fifty-five acres of previously underutilized terrain will now be open to beginner and intermediate skiers. The Meadow Lift will improve access to the spacious 900 acres that the Alberta Area covers. It will also be used as a convenient connection for advanced skiers, coming from the Knife Ridge and Horseshoe Bowl areas, returning to the Alberta or Elma lifts, without the need for hiking.

Again, Wolf Creek season pass holders will have the ability to go Direct-to-Lift. Your cooperation with the Ticket Scanning staff is appreciated. Armbands and helmet bands are available for purchase in Treasure Sports. These bands eliminate the hassle of pulling your lanyard out each time you are scanned.

Membership Dues

Gray Wolf membership dues must be paid on or before August 15th for your name to appear on the Gray Wolf Membership List.

Season Pass Sale

The season pass sale will begin Friday, September 21st and will end on Sunday, September 30th, 2018. After September 30th prices go up 25% so be sure to purchase your pass during the sale dates. Since we must verify the membership status of every Gray Wolf member, **Gray Wolf season passes can ONLY be purchased over the phone, by mail and at the Wolf Creek Ticket Office.** Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Remember, Gray Wolf season passes offer the best value so **DO NOT** purchase a Senior season pass online if you are a member of Gray Wolves.

Silver Pin Requirements

To receive the Gray Wolf Silver Pin, Gray Wolf members must purchase a Gray Wolf season pass for the three years prior to turning 80. If you are not a member of the Gray Wolf Ski Club and purchase a Senior season pass for the three years prior to turning 80, you will not qualify for the Gray Wolf Silver Pin.

Forever Young Clinics

Learn a new sport or just refine your existing technique in our clinics taught by qualified senior instructors. Open to beginners up to advanced intermediates. Tell your friends!

December 4

January 8

February 12

March 5

Annual Tail Gate Party

Saturday

Sept. 22, 2018

11:00 am

This popular event coincides with the first day of the Pre Season Pass Sale at Wolf Creek Ski Area. It is the perfect time to buy your annual lift pass, enjoy greeting and catching up with your ski buddies, and getting excited about the upcoming ski season.

The party will be from 11:00 am until the beer & wine are gone.

The Club will provide brats, condiments, buns, plates, utensils, and beverages.

Please bring a side dish that will feed 8-10 people. Also bring chairs, a serving table if you have one, and anything else to make yourself comfortable.

Bring any used ski equipment that you would like to sell or trade. You may sell out of your vehicle. You must handle all sales - the Club is not involved.

If you want to hike Alberta Peak, meet in the main parking lot at 8 am.



Annual Business Meeting and Luau

June 26, 2018







Many thanks to Muriel and Mikey for taking these fantastic photos since I could not be in attendance this year. As usual, it looks as though the Gray Wolves know how to have a great time!

Mary

