

Gray Wolf Ski Club

Serving the senior skiers of the San Juans



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Letter from the President

As I enter my term as President of your Club, I would like to thank David Lopez, the past President for all his hard work and long tenure, nearly four years, (the longest in club history). David left the club in great shape and primed for the future. I am glad to say that David will continue to work with your board as Immediate Past President and I will benefit from his ongoing counsel. It is a privilege to serve as your President for the next year. Like some others of you, I am a second generation Gray Wolf and cognizant of the important role the club played in my parent's and others enjoyment of their later years. I am reminded of all those who have contributed to the growth and success of the club over the years. Many are still members and we owe them a debt of gratitude as well.

The Annual Meeting/Hawaiian Luau in late June was another great success with over 150 Gray Wolves attending. The roasted pig went down well and there were not even scraps left for some deserving pet. As usual the pot luck food could not be beat and the wine and beer never ran out. By all accounts a good event. I would like to thank all of you who participated and those that helped set up and clean up. At the meeting the following were elected to serve as your Board for the next year: Vice President, Ron Chacey. Treasurer, Lois Dacus. Co-Secretaries, Judy Collins and Carolle Hunt-Ash. Publications Editor, Mary Gamache. Cynthia Riski will continue as Membership Coordinator and Lassie Olin as Program Chair assisted by Doe Stringer. In addition two new positions were voted on and approved and the Bylaws amended. It was agreed to create a position of President Emeritus (Immediate past President) and South Fork or East Side representative. Poppy Borland was elected as South Fork representative and David Lopez agreed to serve on the Board as President Emeritus, in a non-voting capacity for the next year. I am delighted to have such a great and seasoned team working together to make your club even better. At the meeting there was discussion of whether to continue to mail a hard copy of the newsletter to those that wished it in that format. The consensus view was that we should discontinue this practice since it is costly and time consuming and we are one of the few clubs that provide this benefit. It was requested that the Board come up with some recommendations.

This next season we will have a full agenda of activities both on and off the slopes. We will host the annual tail gate and ski swap party at the ski area to commemorate the first day the season passes go on sale. This will probably be in late September or early October. Once we know the dates we will let you know. There will be the Christmas party in December, as well as the usual on mountain sponsored lunches, drinks and other activities. In addition we will have two very special events coming up over the next year. Charles Elliott's 100 Birthday will be celebrated in November. Charles was a pioneer in skiing in this area. He was one of the first to ski at Wolf Creek and was instrumental in the creation of the Ski Area and ensuring the safety of skiers by being one of the founding members of Colorado Ski Patrol and a past President of the Gray Wolf Ski Club. Charles is a member of the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame. We intend to get as much media coverage of Charlie's remarkable achievements and maybe make a few runs with him. If any of you have media contacts, we would really appreciate your help in getting state and national coverage for this event on the mountain. In 2014 the Club will be 30 years old and we intend to have some celebrations to mark this milestone. If there are any members from that original 1984 group, we would love to hear from you.

Your Club has evolved over the years and taken on the personality of its members and in particular those who chose to be involved. Our bylaws state that we are principally a skiing club and a social club. If there are activities that you would like to see the Club involved with and that fall within those broad parameters, we would love to hear from you.

I look forward to a great year ahead and to working with the Board and all the members to make it a fun and memorable year for all.

Simon Fuger



Closing Day at Wolf Creek 2013

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The 2012/2013 membership directory is available online.
Click on the link below.

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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2013 Membership Drive

****Reminder****

You **MUST** pay your dues by August 31, 2013, to be eligible to buy a pre season lift pass at the special Gray Wolf rate. Find the application on the website at: WWW.GRAYWOLFSCIUB.COM

- Dues are \$15. per single or \$20. per couple.
- Orders and payment for name tags for 2013-14 must reach us by August 31, 2013. You may send payment with your dues. Name tags will be ready for you to pick up, at the tailgate party, at the end of September.

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, in January and February, that the club pays \$5. for each member.
- Club sponsored Mardi Gras party with Subway sandwiches, chips, and cake.
- Other club functions: Christmas party, annual 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!!

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

Tail Gate Party at Wolf Creek Ski Area

The Tail Gate Party is set for Saturday, September 28, 2013. It coincides with the first day of the preseason lift pass sale at Wolf Creek Ski Area. It's a great opportunity to buy your annual lift pass, reconnect with your ski buddies, and get excited about the coming ski season.

If you want to hike Alberta Peak, meet in the main parking lot at 8am. The party will be from 11:30 - 2:00. The Club will provide brats, buns, tortillas, condiments, wine, and beer. Please bring a side dish for 8 - 10 people.

Please 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.

Newsletter Announcement

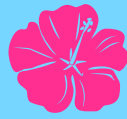
This issue of the newsletter is the last one that will be mailed to those members who have been receiving it.

There was a discussion about it at the annual June business meeting and a majority of members expressed the opinion that it be discontinued.

At the recent Board meeting, the officers voted unanimously to stop sending the mailing edition. The club will provide a full color copy at the library, at Base Camp during ski season, or you may read it online at the club's website: graywolfskiclub.com



Annual Business Meeting and Third Annual Luau



June 30, 2013



The Annual Business Meeting and Third Annual Luau was attended by approximately 150 members.

We had lip-smacking good roast pig and chicken, and the side dishes that members brought were delicious.

The Gray Wolves know how to party!





The outgoing and incoming officers led the business meeting.

Then the entire group did a rain dance, led by Pam Morrow and Herb Nason.

**The rain dance worked!!!
It starting raining before everyone left the party.**



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