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President's Letter

Happy New Year, Gray Wolves!! Compared to last year, we are having a great ski season with early skiing and heavy snowfall.

2018 was a very full year for Gray Wolves. The Gray Wolf budget is healthy thanks to many years of sound and wise decision making by your historic board members. As a result, there have been no dues increases in several years, and we have added to the list of member benefits. Some of those include doubling the days per week (from just Tuesdays to Tuesdays AND Saturdays) Gray Wolves can enjoy a free fountain drink at the ski area. We have also been providing spontaneous appetizers at some of the happy hours and are supporting the initiation of a South Fork happy hour for members on the east side of the mountain.

2018 also came with its share of grief and sadness. We lost several Gray Wolf members including one of our current and highly respected board members, Larry Olin. We lost long time Gray Wolf member Betty Mergens, whose daughter Stacy Mergens currently serves on our board. We also lost Bob Tillerson, Rodney Scott, Melinda Doyle, John Ramberg, Jerry Sager, and our oldest member Charles Elliott. Our hearts are heavy with their loss and at the same time more enriched for the time we spent together.

Time together, for me, is the magic and strength of our group. It is hard to believe that just a year ago, I didn't know some of you who I now count as enduring friends. If you are a new or veteran member, I encourage you to jump in and join us. It is a great way to meet many wonderful people. It seems like there are always new members to get to know as well as long-time members who lead us in 'fun'.

Watch your email and check our website for upcoming events like the popular Tuesday happy hours, subsidized luncheons at the ski area, Gray Wolf theater nights (discounted tickets for Gray Wolf members), parties, annual meetings (and, yes, our annual meetings are FUN!) and more.

See you on the slopes!
Janna

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GWSC Calendar of Events

January	February	March	April
<u>Tues. Jan. 8</u> 11:00 am- 1:00 pm Luncheon in The Main Lodge Theme:Pajama Day	<u>Tues. Feb. 5</u> 11:00 am- 1:00 pm Luncheon in The Main Lodge Theme: Hippie Day Sign-up on website	<u>Tues. March 5</u> 11:00 am- 1:00 pm Luncheon in The Main Lodge Theme: Mardi Gras Sign-up on website	<u>Tues. April 2</u> 11:00 am- 1:00 pm Pot Luck in Base Camp Theme: Beach Party
<u>Tues. Jan. 8</u> 10:00 am - Noon Forever Young Clinic Wolf Creek Ski Area	<u>Tues. Feb. 5</u> 10:00 am - Noon Forever Young Clinic Wolf Creek Ski Area	<u>Tues. March 5</u> 10:00 am - Noon Forever Young Clinic Wolf Creek Ski Area	<u>Sun. April 7</u> Wolf Creek Closing Day (Tentative)
<u>Thurs. Jan. 10</u> 7:00 pm GW Theater Night Little Women Promo code gw7	<u>Thurs. Feb. 14</u> 7:00 pm GW Theater Night Cerebrotini Promo code gw7		
Every Tuesday 2:00 Happy Hour <u>Riff Raff on the Rio</u> (Pagosa Springs) <u>Ramon's</u> (South Fork)	Every Tuesday 2:00 Happy Hour <u>Mountain Pizza</u> (Pagosa Springs) <u>Ramon's</u> (South Fork)	Every Tuesday 2:00 Happy Hour <u>Coyote Moon</u> (Pagosa Springs) <u>Ramon's</u> (South Fork)	Every Tuesday 3:00 Happy Hour <u>Coyote Moon</u> (Pagosa Springs) <u>Ramon's</u> (South Fork)
Every Tues./Sat. Free Fountain Drink in Base Camp for Club Members	Every Tues./Sat. Free Fountain Drink in Base Camp for Club Members	Every Tues./Sat. Free Fountain Drink in Base Camp for Club Members	Tues./Sat. Free Fountain Drink in Base Camp for Club Members

*If you need directions to our Happy Hour locations, click on the name of the location (IN BLUE) to find a link to Google Maps.

In Memory of Larry Olin

Larry was the President of the Gray Wolf Ski Club from June 2016 - June 2018. He was also currently a member of the Board in his position as Past President. Larry was a fun-loving guy who smiled a lot, loved beer, food, and the outdoors, gave great bear hugs, and was always ready to offer his assistance to the Club in anyway that was needed. He will be missed by all who were fortunate to know him. There will be a celebration of Larry's life at [PLPOA](#) (click for directions) on January 19, 2019, at 1pm.



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- On Tuesday, February 5, we will enjoy our second luncheon in The Main Lodge. The theme is the ever popular Hippie Day. We hope to see all of you peace loving flower children dressed in beads, headbands and bell bottoms for the occasion.
- Our third luncheon in The Main Lodge will be on Tuesday, March 5. We will celebrate Mardi Gras, Wolf Creek style. Dig out your most outlandish colorful outfits and join the fun. Let the good times roll!
- The end of season event will be held on Tuesday, April 2. We will celebrate with a 'Beach Party' potluck held in Base Camp. Dress in your favorite beach attire and bring a dish that will serve 8 - 10. The potluck will begin at 11:00. Weather permitting, there will be music and dancing on the deck.
- **For all of our luncheons in The Main Lodge the Club will pay \$6.00 of your total bill.**
- **Please eat between 11:00 and 1:00. This enables our treasurer to settle the bill with the ski area.**
- **Wear your name tag if you have one. It helps the cashiers identify you as a Gray Wolf.**



Forever Young Clinic



Open to skiers and boarders 50+. Learn a new sport or just refine your existing technique in our clinics taught by qualified senior instructors. Get a great workout and meet others who also enjoy skiing or snowboarding.

- *\$33 Senior Lift Ticket (without Season Pass) with \$43 two-hour lesson*
- *Geared towards beginner to advanced levels*
- *Pre-registration not required*
- *Sign up at ticket window and meet at 10:00 am at Ski School Area*
- *See dates on the calendar (page 2 of this newsletter)*



Club Discounts



Many businesses in the area offer discounts to current Gray Wolf Club members.

You will find the listing of Club discounts on the website.

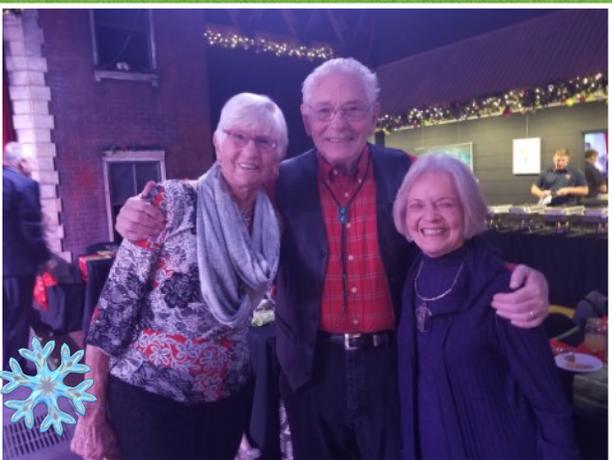
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[Gray Wolf Club Discounts](#)



Christmas Party

December 11, 2018









Our Christmas Party sold out this year at the Pagosa Center for the Arts.

130 members and guests filled their tummies with fabulous food from Pagosa Baking Co. and The Buck Stops Here. Thank you Lassie for all your planning and hard work that helped make this party such a great success!

The PSCA, as usual, was spectacularly decorated for the holidays.



Santa, aka, Mikey Hayward and his incredible playlist kept members dancing to some great tunes. Santa also passed out some treats to lucky recipients.

Muriel put together a great slide show that brought back numerous memories from throughout the year.

Many thanks to all those volunteers who came early to decorate and those who showed up the following morning to help clean.



Pajama Day 2019

On January 8, 2019, many Gray Wolves rolled out of bed and headed to the mountain still dressed in their pj's and robes to celebrate our first theme day and luncheon of the new year.

After a beautiful blue bird morning of skiing 125+ members gathered at the Main Lodge for lunch and laughs, as well as to laud the fresh powder that Wolf Creek has been favored with over the last two weeks.

Each member received a \$6.00 allowance for their lunch from the club.

It was a great day and fabulous to see so many members participate by wearing their sleepwear.

Growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional ~ Walt Disney





