

#### Letter from the President

The summer is past and fall is in the air. The mountains are ablaze in color and leaves are falling from the trees. This is the setting that the Ski Club enjoyed for the Garden Party and the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Pre-Season Ski Pass Tail Gate at Wolf Creek Ski Area. Both events brought out large numbers of Gray Wolves who enjoyed the great food, the drinks, and of course, the camaraderie that has become a trademark of the Gray Wolf Ski Club.

The Garden Party social was made special by the plants, flowers and table settings conceived by Program Director Doe Stringer and assembled by Jean Bechtold. Of course there was plenty of assistance from your Board Members and Gray Wolf volunteers in preparing the Vista Club House for the Social. The Gray Wolves were also entertained by Pamela Novack whose guitar playing, vocals, and song selection added that special touch to this social. What a nice way to finish off the summer.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Pre–Season Ski Pass Tail Gate at Wolf Creek was an overwhelming success and surprised everyone who attended. We started off the morning with approximately 30 Gray Wolves who came up to ascend Alberta Peak. We had Chamber of Commerce weather and the conditions could not have been better. Different groups had their special route to the top and many of us enjoyed the view at the top as the visibility was unlimited. The Tail Gate was in full swing when the climbers made it down. For those Gray Wolves fortunate enough to attend the Tail Gate, we owe a special thanks to Keith Jones for setting up the grill and taking the position of Head Brat Master in cooking up the brats and dogs. There was also a great selection of side dishes and desserts for all to enjoy. Yeah, we ran out of plates but the number Gray Wolves who came up greatly exceeded our expectations. From my perspective, it appeared that all who attended had smiles on their face. We look forward to next year's event.

I want to thank Davey and Rosanne Pitcher for allowing us the use of their area for the Tail Gate Party. If we are blessed with good snow, Wolf Creek will open on Friday, 4 November.

Our next event is the Christmas Social on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Pagosa Lodge. Remember to keep up to date with the latest Ski Club information by visiting our website: <u>http://graywolfskiclub.com/</u>.

Think Snow!! David Lopez

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# In Memory of Dick Dove



A longtime Gray Wolf, skier, hiker, and snowshoer, he opened the Dove Ranch to Gray Wolf members. Dick passed away this spring.

Mesa Mountain, 12,985 feet, was his beloved area and his ranch was in route, east of South Fork, CO.

Mesa Mountain area is also Fremont camp area. General John Charles Fremont who had an expedition in the winter of 1848, in route to California was unsuccessful and many lives were lost.

A hike that Jerry and myself made in honor of Dick, who wanted us to hike this mountain for the past four years. The night we stayed with Dick it rained big all night, so the next morning did not permit the hike.

This summer we did hike Mesa Mountain. The varied terrain in route and on the mountain is much worth the effort.

Submitted by Pam Morrow and Jerry Ethelbah







































### Gray Wolf Ski Club 1st Annual Preseason Pass Sale Tail Gate Party at Wolf Creek

















100+ Gray Wolves showed up to buy a lift pass, eat some yummy food,& greet friends, some of whom we had not seen since last ski season.













## We're already looking forward to next year!









Several members took advantage of the opportunity to sell some used equipment.











