



Gray Wolf Ski Club

Serving the senior skiers of the San Juans



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Letter from the President

Well, the first snow is falling in the mountains and there is a distinct chill in the air. Wolf Creek became the third ski area to open in Colorado and many enjoyed making those first turns on our favorite mountain on opening day and riding the new Treasure Stoke lift a week later. Soon enough the ski season will be in full swing. In the current annual survey of American ski areas Ski Magazine rated Wolf Creek #2 for powder and also #2 for value in North America.

Outside Magazine also highlighted Wolf Creek's legendary powder. We are indeed fortunate to have such a great ski resource available to us. The Gray Wolves are also one of the featured clubs in this year's Pagosa Winter Guide, which has just been published.

We had a very successful tail gate party and ski swap at the ski area on the first day the season passes went on sale. Over 150 members joined in the festivities. As always the food was exceptional and the special beer soaked brats were a huge success. Our own DJ Dude, Mike Hayward, spun the tunes and there was much dancing in the parking lot including one of the highest altitude performances of a line dance. I would like to thank all those that helped organize the event and those who participated.

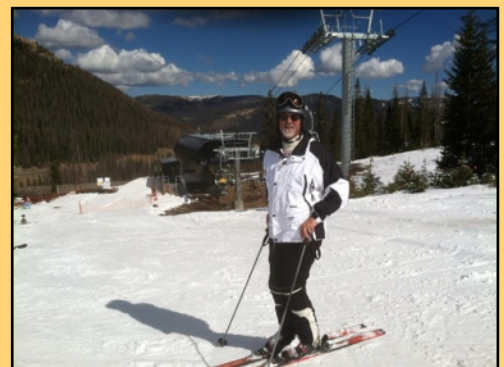
Coming up on Tuesday, November 19th we will be celebrating Charles Elliott's 100th birthday. Ski conditions and Charles health permitting, we hope to make a few runs with Charles. This is your opportunity to meet this Hall of Fame pioneer of American skiing and wish him well. We hope to have regional and national media coverage of the event.

The Christmas party is scheduled for December 17, at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The event will begin at 5:30 pm. The price will be \$22. This includes a four course meal, one free drink, a cash bar, and entertainment (see details on last page). Be prepared for one more rollicking party as we celebrate another year of enjoying our favorite winter pastimes, skiing and socializing. As we go into 2014 we will be highlighting other ski and social activities for our members.

We are working with the Ski area to provide discounted ski lessons for club members that might want to tune up their technique or who have not skied in a while or at all. The dates for these are listed in the newsletter. For those members who are from out of town, we have teamed up with several local hotels to provide discounted accommodation. The details are also listed later in this newsletter. During the winter there will also be a full schedule of theater events and we will continue to offer 'Gray Wolves theater nights' at a discount for members with a reserved seat. The Theater is gaining a national reputation for excellence with many of the shows making their Colorado premiers.

We look forward to a great ski season and a fun year.

Simon Fuger



Opening of the new Treasure Stoke lift.

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Stan (right) with ski buddies Klaus Neubert and Frank Pretzendorfer

Stanley Moucha passed away September 5 after a very short battle with a brain tumor.

Stanley S. Moucha, a former postmaster in Osceola, found peace Thursday, Sept. 5, 2013 in St. Paul, Minn., at the age of 75.

He was born March 8, 1938 in Cornell, to Mary and Stanley Moucha.

Stanley enjoyed fishing, hunting and skiing, and had a good sense of humor.

He is survived by: his mother, Mary; two brothers, Ray (Mary) and Laverne; seven sisters Delores Baynes, Dorothy Moucha, Patricia Hoffman, Carol (Ed) Frith, Barbara Ayres, Sharon (Jim) Milbeck and Karen Schindler; nieces and nephews, and many good friends.

Thoughts From Friends

Jack and I met the "wild bunch" on the very first day of skiing Wolf Creek 2004. Stan, a member and always a true gentleman, quickly became part of our Pagosa Experience. I will always remember his endless dry sense of humor, the fun week at Jackson Hole with Carolle and so many happy memories together through these many years. Rest in peace, my dear friend, and may you and Jack continue to laugh big. Love, Josie Hummel

We are deeply saddened by Stan's death. Someone is going to have to take his place telling the corny jokes that he loved – we are going to sorely miss his quirky sense of humor! Ozzie and Eve

We will miss your dry, sardonic wit and the subtle chuckle as you recounted your favorite stories. Ski on you old "reprobate". Simon Fuger & Chris Pike

Stan Moucha's humor will be missed, and I have forgiven him for bumping me off the chair lift one time. Often Stan might be quiet for a long time and then jump into the conversation always with a very humorous comment. He will also be remembered for bringing to the Gray Wolves the best joke of all time – the one about the guy with the pet duck that he took into the movie theater. If you haven't heard it, ask me about it. Ron Chacey

I was the first one to meet Stan when he came to Pagosa. I met him at the ticket window and asked him to join the Grey Wolves. For the next 20 years the joke between us was, that meeting was the worse day of our lives when I asked him to ski with us. We rode to the area together all of that winter and for the next 18 years. He LOVED trying to get me mad for any reason. Usually trying to make me crash on the slopes. After my husband died he was my 'big brother. He and Frank and many other singles were always invited to Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday dinners as well as supper at my place once or twice a month. And of course we will miss his jokes. I will miss him. Mary Miller

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

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We have also secured preferred lodging rates at the following hotels in Pagosa Springs.

High Country Lodge (970) 264-4181

\$80 per night including breakfast
(excluding weekends & holidays)

Mountain Landing (970) 731-5345

1 Bedroom regular \$76 per night, \$96 high season,
2 Bedroom \$96 per night, \$120 high season.

Quality Inn (970) 731-4141

15% below listed rate including breakfast

Beginners, intermediates, and yes, even advanced skiers can benefit from lessons.

If you want to improve your skiing technique, consider joining the Senior Ski/Board Clinic that Wolf Creek Ski Area is offering. See details below..



Senior Ski/Board Clinic at Wolf Creek Ski Area



The two hour (10 am - noon) lesson rate is \$31.00 for all season pass holders.

Senior Rate is \$22.00 + \$31.00 = **\$53.00** for Seniors (65 and older) without Season Pass

Adult Rate (must be 50 years old) is \$38.00 + \$31.00 = **\$69.00** for Adults without Season Pass

Lessons are geared towards beginner to advanced levels. Preregistration not required.

The dates for the lessons are **December 10, January 7, February 4 and March 4.**

Gray Wolf Sale and Après Ski

When: *Tuesday, November 19*

Sale - all day

Happy Hour - whenever you get here...

Where: *8200 Mountain Sports in South Fork*

All Gray Wolf members will be treated to a 20% off storewide sale.

Beer and wine will be available while you shop and mingle.

Come check out all the new Demos for 2014.

Remember, all Gray Wolf members can rent Demos for 50% off, Monday through Friday, all season long.

Thanks,

Joel and the crew at 8200 Mountain Sports



Gray Wolves Theater Night

Thursday December 19th, 2013

The next Gray Wolves Theater night is scheduled for Thursday December 19, at 7pm. The play is "Winter Wonderettes". As usual this Christmas special will be to the high standards we have come to appreciate from the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Pulling together actresses from all over the country, the Wonderettes spring into action to solve the mystery of the disappearance of Santa from the Harpers Hardware Holiday Party.

This pleasing parody of the 60's girl band groups features many holiday pop standards. The play is rated G and appropriate for the whole family.

Tickets will be discounted for the Gray Wolves at \$20.00 and includes a reserved seat if you arrive at least 15 minutes before the performance.

These tickets will be available on a first come first served basis. Purchases can be made online at: www.pagosacenter.org and accessing the promo code "greywolves" or by contacting the theater box office at 970 731 7469. If you have any further questions contact Simon Fuger at 970 264 1003.

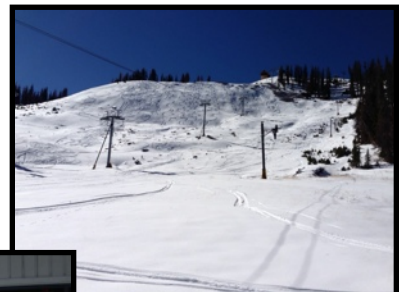


Opening Day at Wolf Creek 2013/2014

Wolf Creek officially opened for skiing on

Saturday, October 19, 2013.

Gray Wolf members were spotted on the mountain and deck enjoying the snow and sunshine!



3rd Annual Preseason Pass Sale and Tailgate Party at Wolf Creek Ski Area

A snowstorm the day before set the mood for our party on Sept. 28. There was a record setting turnout for this popular event. We estimate that approximately 150 members were there. Mikey Hayward, aka DJ Dude, and a Club member provided the music, the Club provided brats and liquid refreshment, and members brought delicious side dishes.



Keep the snow coming!!

Charles Elliott's 100th Birthday Celebration

Please join us at Wolf Creek Ski Area on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 to honor and congratulate our Club member, Charles Elliott, on reaching the milestone of his 100th birthday.

We will meet at 10 am for photos with Charles, and conditions permitting, ski a run or two with Charles. Your board is working to get coverage from local (Denver and Albuquerque) TV stations, as well as national coverage.

If Base Camp is open, the festivities will be held there. If not, we will meet at the Main Lodge.



The Club will provide cake, champagne and non-alcoholic sparkling juice for a toast. There will be a basket for cards, etc.

Gray Wolf Christmas Party

When: Tuesday, December 17, 2013

Where: The Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts
2313 Eagle Dr Pagosa Springs, CO [Directions](#)

Time: Begins at 5:30 pm Dinner at 6 pm

Music: Our Club member, Mikey Hayward aka: D J Dude

Menu: Provided by Smoke'n Moe's BBQ

Choice of Entree: BBQ brisket and pulled pork
or 1/2 smoked chicken

Appetizers, Soup, two side dishes, assorted desserts, cornbread, tea & coffee
Each person will receive a ticket at the door for one free drink from the bar.
(non alcoholic or alcoholic)

Please send your choice of entree and a check for \$22. per person to:
Gray Wolf Ski Club
P.O. Box 2394
Pagosa Springs, CO 81447

Your reservation must be received no later than Saturday, December 7, 2013
Please include the name(s) of the person(s) attending and choice of entree.
If you bring a guest who is not a Club member, the cost is \$27.

The first Club sponsored lunch, at the Main Lodge, at Wolf Creek Ski Area will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014. The Club will pay \$5.00 of whatever you choose from the menu. You are responsible for the balance of the bill, including your drink. There will be a sign up sheet in Base Camp or you can email Mary Gamache at: buckmarygamache@aol.com with your reservation. You may also call her at 970-731-8389. Please respond by Jan. 9, 2014. The ski area will need to know if you are choosing the 'special for the day' in order to plan accordingly and not run out. When you respond, please indicate if you will have the 'special'.

The theme for the first luncheon will be "Red Solo Cup Day". This will be the third year for this theme. The participation and creativity has grown each year - so start planning your Red Solo Cup creation!!

