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President's Letter

The Gray Wolves had a fabulous annual meeting on June 25th! It was great to see the almost 150 members who attended. The meal was fully catered by Chavolos and all alcohol was provided. Thank you to all who showed up early and stayed late to help set up and take down. We couldn't have done it without you! We voted in *two new board members and reelected **two others. Your new board is as follows:

President: Janna Lilly

Vice President: *Sheila Manzanares

Secretary: *Becky Gerze

Treasurer: **Stacey Mergens

Publications Editor: **Mary Gamache

Membership Coordinator: Cynthia Riski

Programs Director: Lassie Olin

Non-voting but very important members include:

East Side Rep: Open (please let any board member know if you are interested in this position)

Ski Area Liaison- Simon Fuger

President Emeritus: Ron Chacey

As this Gray Wolf season ends, it offers a great opportunity to thank some key members. A huge shout out to Muriel Eason who has served diligently for many years as your Gray Wolf Vice President. Muriel was always willing to do any job that was needed and she did it with grace and her perpetual, peaceful smile. No party would be complete without Simon Fuger bringing the beer and Mike Hayward providing the music and sound set up. Lassie does a fantastic job of managing all the party details from driving to Farmington to get the best prices for party goods, digging through the Gray Wolf storage for decorations to contacting multiple restaurants for catering.

Also many thanks to all our board members. Stacy Mergens keeps us balanced, carefully keeping our financial books. Take note that Becky Gerze stepped up mid- year to fill the secretary's position as an interim. Remember that Cynthia Riski ensures your membership is accounted for, maintains our website and responds diligently to any questions from members.

Here ye, Here ye...A special thanks to Mary Gamache for not only ensuring all members receive regular newsletters, but she also volunteered to manage the somewhat laborious but much requested T-shirts sales. Mary is also the reason the Gray Wolf decals were available. If you didn't get a decal at the annual meeting, they will be available to you at the tailgate party. We are happy every hour that Sheila Manzanares is our new VP. Before she was even elected, Sheila started thinking about unique options for our happy hours. Simon ensures we have a continuing, positive relationship with Wolf Creek Ski Area and acts accordingly to coordinate the Gray Wolf theater nights. In the past and present, Ron Chacey serves as a valuable, historic resource. The Gray Wolves are fortunate to have each of you serve the organization.

Also, remember our Tuesday happy hours are a fantastic way to see your ski buddies in between the seasons, as well as meet new friends for the upcoming season.

Our next big event will be the annual Tailgate Party held in the parking lot at the ski area on Saturday, September 28, where members can get their discounted season tickets. See Season Pass details on page 4 and Tailgate Party details on page 5.

Much affection! Janna

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www.graywolfskiclub.com



2019/2020 Membership Drive



August 15 deadline to qualify for preseason pass sale
NO EXCEPTIONS

Our membership drive continues until August 15, 2019.

You MUST pay your dues by August 15, 2019 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 is free for those 80 and older who have been a member for 3 previous years, but you must still complete a membership application each year.

Please provide your email address to stay current on Club news and activities. Wolf Creek Ski Area also uses your email address to send their ski contract/waiver link.

Some advantages of club membership are:

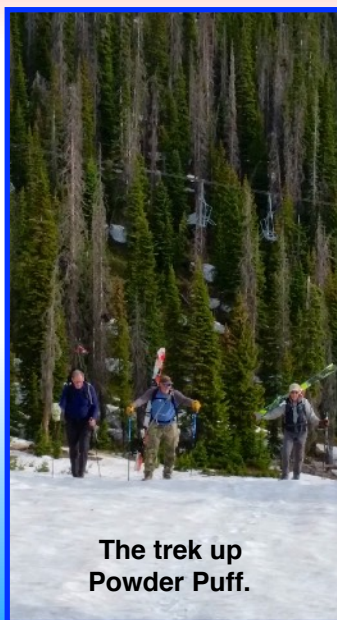
- *Discounted pre-season lift pass.
- *Discounts at participating local merchants.
- *Discounts on theater tickets.
- *Free fountain drink or hot beverage of your choice at Base Camp on every Tuesday and Saturday. Refills are NOT free.
- *Three lunches at the ski area, for which the club pays \$6. for each member.
- *Other club functions: Christmas party, Annual Business 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.

Skiing in July

On July 1, in an early celebration of Independence Day, three intrepid Gray Wolf members trekked up Powder Puff to the top of Treasure lift. From there, under bluebird skies, they skied a great run down Alberta Face to the bottom of Treasure chair. The group was led by 86 year old Del Peckum, and included Barry Ebersol (photographer) and Rex Dickman.



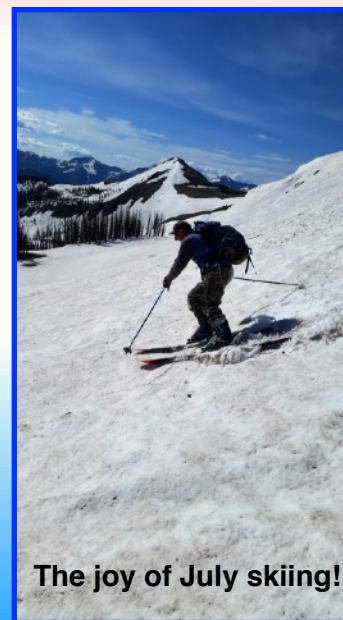
Del, 86 years young.



The trek up Powder Puff.



Rex, dropping in for his first turns on Alberta Face.



The joy of July skiing!

GWSC Calendar of Events

July	August	September	October
<u>Tues. July 9</u> 7:00pm GW Theater Night Jekyll & Hyde Online code gw8	<u>Wed. Aug. 21</u> 7:00 pm GW Theater Night Tommy Online code gw8	<u>Fri. Sept. 6</u> 11:00 am GW Theater Night Ring of Fire Online code gw8	Start your snow dancing!
<u>Every Tues.</u> 3:00 pm Happy Hour The Breakroom (previously Wolfe Brewery)	<u>Every Tues.</u> 3:00 pm Happy Hour Motel Soco	<u>Every Tues.</u> 3:00 pm Happy Hour Shooter's and Shenanigans	<u>Every Tues.</u> 3:00 pm Happy Hour TBD
		<u>Sat. Sept. 28</u> 11:00 am Tail-Gate Party and pre-season pass sale Wolf Creek Ski Area parking lot	

Important Information from Wolf Creek Ski Area

Gray Wolf Season Pass Info

Summer improvements are in full swing at Wolf Creek Ski Area! Trail work is one of the main projects this off season; with the construction of a number of new trails in the Charity Jane Express area. Beginner and intermediate skiers and boarders will be able to use Orion's Beltway to adventure in the Alberta Lift area and reach the Charity Jane Express. Tumbler will be a popular trail from the top of Elma Lift to Okey Dokey. As always, building and lift maintenance are top priorities during the summer months. New wire rope for the D. Boyce Poma Lift will help bring the nostalgic surface lift back into service along with tower and sheave work. The debut of the "Powder Room", which will be a service provided for pass holders who are interested in renting a seasonal locker, is set for completion by the start up of the 2019-2020 season. The Powder Room will be a premier locker room for interested pass holders with private lockers that have personal boot and helmet dryers, as well as access to private restrooms.

Wolf Creek will continue to offer season pass holders Direct-to-Lifts access. 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 Saturday, September 28th and will end on Sunday, October 6th, 2019. After October 6th 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. An email will be sent in August to the membership that goes over specific instructions for e-signing your season pass contract and waiver once a pass is purchased.

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. All Silver Pins this season will also have an accompanying season pass card.

Forever Young Clinics

This specialized clinic series offers skiers and boarders, ages 50 and older, a professional two-hour morning lesson. Lessons are open to beginners up to advanced levels and taught by a highly qualified senior instructor. Tell your friends!

December 3
January 7

February 4
March 3

ANNUAL TAIL GATE PARTY

SATURDAY

SEPT. 28, 2019

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, catch up with your ski buddies, and get 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, tortillas, condiments, plates, utensils, and beverages. Please bring a dish according to the first letter of your last name. All dishes should serve 8 - 10 people.

A - G Appetizer/Salad

H - O Side dish

P - Z Desserts

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.

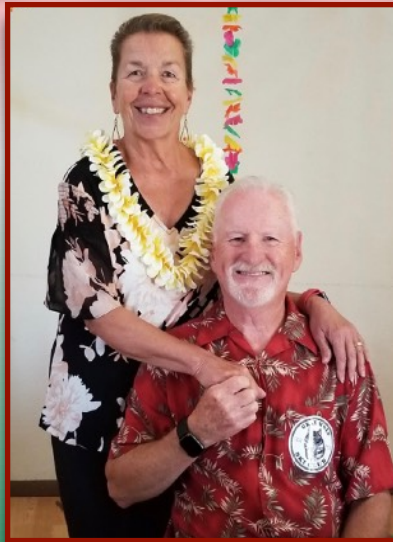
If you want to hike Alberta Peak, meet in the main parking lot at 8 am.

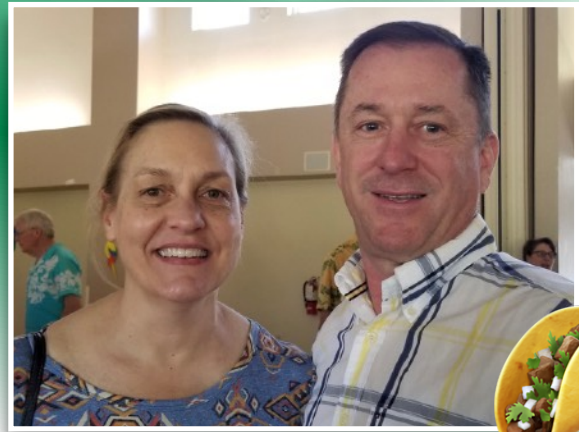


Annual Business Meeting and Mexican Luau



June 25, 2019







My many thanks to Muriel Eason for the great photos!