

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings my friends!

Becky and I hope that this letter finds You and Yours well... ready to rest up a bit from another successful ski season. We enjoyed an early start (being the first to open in Colorado) and timely snows... Again making the 2020-2021 ski season pretty darn good. I thought that the Wolf Creek Ski Area did an outstanding job keeping everyone safe and as a result OPEN for us to enjoy during a time of very limited opportunities.

Even though we were unable to have the benefit of the majority of our normal functions... We embraced what we could. Most importantly we kept the 80th Birthday Celebration hike to Alberta Peak alive with an impressive showing of 25 members participating. Lynn Warner and Ron Chacey were the honorees... Way To Go! We had a few dress up days but I will have to admit it was pretty lame without the comparing of wardrobes at base camp, enjoying fellowship at the sponsored lunch at the main lodge and always a festive photo (thanks to Mary Gamache) to wrap it up.

As a result the board has decided to extend the 2020-2021 membership to include the 2021-2022 ski season (details below).

Unfortunately the annual business meeting will not be held this year due to current covid-19 restrictions. So as a result nominations and voting for the Board positions will be held online (details below).

At this time I would like to recognize our current Publications Editor, Mary Gamache, for over a DECADE of dedicated service! Her love of this club is evident in her many talents expressed in our quarterly newsletter. She is always snapping photos documenting our Fun and Frivolity at Gray Wolf events and she kept us all entertained and connected with her wonderful video productions in the heart of the Pandemic. She will be sorely missed but I am confident that her successor will rise to the occasion. Thank you Mary!

We are hopeful that Happy Hours (what I am good at) will return shortly and that we will be able to have our September tailgate party.

So goodbye for now and hopefully we can squeeze another day or two in on an upcoming weekend.

Gerard

## Gray Wolf Officers: 2020/2021

President <i>Gerard Henken 618-719-7717</i>	Publications Editor <i>Mary Gamache 970-731-8389</i>
Vice President <i>Sheila Manzanares 719-464-6313</i>	Program Chair <i>Lassie Olin 970-731-2927</i>
Secretary <i>Becky Gerze 303-921-6766</i>	South Fork Representative <i>Position Unfilled</i>
Treasurer <i>Stacy Mergens 303-870-9998</i>	Ski Area Liaison <i>Simon Fuger 970-264-1003</i>
Membership Coordinator <i>Cynthia Riski 817-938-8609</i>	President Emeritus <i>Ron Chacey 970-264-6275</i>

## Contact Information



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To access our website click on the link below.

[www.graywolfskiclub.com](http://www.graywolfskiclub.com)

## **\*IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FOR 2021\*** **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

The club is extending the current year's membership to include the 2021-2022 season. Members who do not want to have your membership extended will need to contact our Membership Coordinator, Cynthia Riski. The extension was agreed upon by the board since the Covid operating mandates prohibited us from having our typical winter activities:  
i.e. base camp fountain beverages, lunches at the main lodge, etc.

**\*IF YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER YOU MUST JOIN AND PAY YOUR DUES BY AUGUST 15, 2021, IN ORDER TO PURCHASE A PRE SEASON LIFT PASS AT THE SPECIAL GRAY WOLF RATE. PASSES ARE PURCHASED FROM WOLF CREEK SKI AREA. THE CLUB DOES NOT SELL PASSES.**  
Find the application on the website at: [WWW.GRAYWOLFSKICLUB.COM](http://WWW.GRAYWOLFSKICLUB.COM)

- Dues for new members are \$15. per person.
- New members can order a name tag online when joining. Existing members must mail a check for \$12. to the club's address and include the name to be printed on the name tag.
- As in previous years, membership for those 80+ is free if you have been a member for, at least, the previous 3 years, but you must still renew your membership each year.

**PLEASE SEND ANY EMAIL, PHONE, OR MAILING ADDRESS CHANGES TO CYNTHIA RISKI AT [CERISKI@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CERISKI@GMAIL.COM)**

### **Some advantages of club membership: (Hopefully resuming events for 2021/2022 season)**

- Discounted pre-season lift pass.
- Free fountain drink of your choice at Base Camp every Tuesday and Saturday. (No free refills)
- Three lunches at the ski area, for which the club pays \$6. of your total lunch bill.
- 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.
- Discounts at local businesses. See website for listing. You may access with this link and a password that is available to current members:  
<http://www.graywolfskiclub.com/social-events/>



# GWSC Calendar of Events

April	May	June	July
<p><b>Wolf Creek Closing day</b> <b>April 4</b> <small>(Extended weekends are weather dependent.)</small></p> <p><b>Nominations For Board Officers</b> <b>April 1 - 30</b></p>	<p><b>Online voting for 2021/2022 Board Officers</b></p> <p><b>Dates TBA</b></p>	<p><b>The Annual Business Meeting will NOT be held this year due to current Covid-19 restrictions.</b></p>	<p><b>Newsletter</b></p>
 <p><b>Easter</b> <b>April 4</b></p>	 <p><b>Memorial Day</b> <b>May 31</b></p>	 <p><b>First day of summer</b> <b>June 20</b></p>	 <p><b>Independence Day</b> <b>July 4</b></p>
<p><b><u>TBD</u></b></p> <p><b>Happy Hour</b></p>	<p><b><u>TBD</u></b></p> <p><b>Happy Hour</b></p>	<p><b><u>TBD</u></b></p> <p><b>Happy Hour</b></p>	<p><b><u>TBD</u></b></p> <p><b>Happy Hour</b></p>
<p><b>Watch for Happy Hour updates on the website or by email from the Club.</b></p>			



# **BOARD POSITIONS**

## **NOMINATION PROCESS**



**This year an election will be held for the following officers:  
Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Publications Editor.**

**Nominations for the board positions begin on April 1 and  
continue through April 30.**

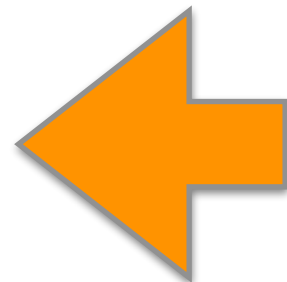
**Anyone wishing to nominate a member for one of these  
positions may contact GERARD HENKEN at 618-719-7717 or you  
may use the online Board Position Nomination 2021 form on the  
website. Access with this link:**

**<http://www.graywolfskiclub.com/nominations-for-gray-wolf-ski-club-board-2021/>**

**If you are interested in any of the open positions you may find  
the responsibilities of each in Article VIII of the by-laws.**

**<http://www.graywolfskiclub.com/by-laws/>**

**Voting will be held online. Instructions for voting will be emailed  
to members at a later date.**





## 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION HIKE TO ALBERTA PEAK

On Tuesday, February 23, 2021, twenty-five Gray Wolf Ski Club members hiked up to Alberta Peak, at Wolf Creek Ski Area, with their skis on their shoulders, to celebrate the 80th birthday milestones of members, Ron Chacey and Lynn Warner. It was a beautiful blue-bird day and the mood of those participating was just as sunny as the skies.

The hike has become a tradition, which began in 2009, for those members who choose to make the demanding hike to the 11,870 ft. peak, at the ripe young age of 80. Lynn and Ron's names will be added to the other 10 names on the trophy that hangs in Base Camp. Congratulations to you both!!

“Don't count the days, make the days count.” ~ Muhammad Ali





More photos from the birthday hike.  
Courtesy of Dan Allen, Becky Gerze, and Stacy Mergens.

