

The 20/21 ski season was like no other in the history of Wolf Creek Ski Area or our ski club. Although we were unable to hold our usual Luncheons at the Lodge, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the coinciding dress-up days were continued. Below are photos submitted to me by members who carried on this tradition by exhibiting their creativity and fun-loving spirit. A huge thank you to those who contributed photos: JOHN FARLEY, GERARD & BECKY HENKEN, STACY MERGENS, JOE AND BECKY GERZE, SIMON FUGER, DALAS AND CARRIE WEISZ, AND BUCK GAMACHE!



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# WOLF DAY

MARCH 9, 2021





Thoughts of Summer



An actual beach party in Florida!



**BEACH PARTY**  
**MARCH 30, 2021**





One of our luncheon traditions that we missed this ski season, due to Covid-19 restrictions, was the opportunity to gather outside of the Lodge or Base Camp for a group photo to commemorate the theme of the day. Whatever the weather; sun, snow, wind, frigid temps; we always had members who were up for a photo op. Best viewed on large screen...zoom in to find yourself or others. Many good memories!



**Mardi Gras Feb. 9, 2016**



**Hippie Day Mar. 1, 2016**



**Beach Party Mar. 28, 2017**



**Pajama Day Jan. 8, 2019**



**Favorite Sports Team Jan. 14, 2020 (record turnout)**



**We Love to Ski Feb. 4, 2020**



**Mardi Gras Feb. 25, 2020**

For me, as the organizer of these group photos, it sometimes seemed akin to the act of “herding cats” ;) I am eagerly looking forward to those group photo opportunities once again when we are able to gather for fellowship, food, and frivolity. Mary G.



# LOOKING BACK...A BIT OF HISTORY

On a personal note...as I complete by last newsletter and hand off keyboard and pixel duties to the next publications editor, I would like to share a brief history of the position I have held for the last 12 years. I gathered this information from club records, old newsletters and communications with members.

When the Gray Wolf Ski Club was founded in 1984, Harry Young held the position of President and Publications Editor for that first year. He continued as Publications Editor until 1992 when Mary Miller assumed the position. Mary was Editor for 8 years. She copied a monthly newsletter and a majority of the club's budget was spent on postage to mail them. In 2000, Carole Howard became the third Editor. She continued the practice of sending out monthly publications. In 2007, Carol Ellis was elected. She served until 2009 and then I was elected to the position.

In 2007, Maryjane Knight was responsible for creating the original website for the club. The following notice was printed in the Sept/Oct. newsletter in 2007:

***{WEBSITE – Go to [www.graywolfskiclub.com](http://www.graywolfskiclub.com) and visit our new website. You will find there: our latest newsletter, schedules for our events, contact phone numbers, and soon a list of our members. We hope you enjoy the website, and that you will use it regularly to verify Gray Wolf activities, and receive late breaking Gray Wolf news.}***

The custom of monthly newsletters was changed in January, 2008. It was decided to send them quarterly to those without internet and they were published to the website for all others to access.

When I took office, we had 300+ members and as there were still those who did not have internet or had only a slow dial-up connection, we still offered hard copies of the newsletter. A copy was also provided to the library for public access. Ron Chacey and I would meet at the Chamber of Commerce every quarter to print the copies that needed to be mailed. We collated, folded, taped and stamped them and took them to the post office. I would also print a color copy to hang in Base Camp for members to peruse.

In 2013, as our membership continued to grow, we stopped mailing copies and the website became our only source for newsletters and other pertinent information regarding the club.

Cynthia Riski, the club's Membership Coordinator and masterful website manager also kept members updated on time sensitive information and events via email.

For me, the Publications Editor's position evolved into more than producing a quarterly newsletter. I have enjoyed creating and ordering banners for various special events, commemorative mugs for our 30th anniversary, slide shows and videos of events and memories, tee shirts, decals, and even Covid-19 masks. Taking photos at events was one of my favorite tasks. I have much appreciation, as well, for those club members, ski area employees, and random guests who took photos so that I could be included in the picture (lol) or when I was unable to attend an event.

It has been both an honor and a privilege to serve the Gray Wolf Ski Club as our membership has grown to over 1,000 members. I have enjoyed every aspect of helping to further the image and interests of the club. I look forward to witnessing the advancement of our club in the years to come.

I'm looking forward to seeing you around town, at future events and on the slopes. Fondly, Mary G