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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As the new President of the Gray Wolf Ski Club, I am looking forward to working with the members of the board in continuing to bring back those events that were curtailed due Covid, and to add to it. More on that later. You have an excellent Board and that was the reason I accepted this position. I hope that I can be as good as the past Presidents of the club have been. And a special thanks to Gerard Hencken for all he has done helping to steer us through the pandemic.

For those of you who do not know me, here's a little information. My wife, Barbara, and I moved here in 2008. After a couple of decades in Houston, we were looking for a smaller town and a better climate. Pagosa is a great fit, though Barb misses shopping and I miss the infinite number of good restaurants in Houston. We've found Pagosa to be an amazing little town with so much to do. And GWSC has been a big part of that.

Besides myself, Lassie Olin was re-elected Program Chair and Cynthia Riski was re-elected as Membership Coordinator. Lassie has done a fantastic job in organizing our events, and the recent Annual Meeting was no exception. And Cynthia is terrific at maintaining our website, getting you all of those event reminders, and coordinating all of the online voting, etc. This newsletter has a description of the functions of each member of the board so you know who to contact with any specific issues.

We will again have the Autumn Potluck Social. Since Wolf Creek ski area has moved season pass ticketing online, we've been discouraged from having the tailgate party on the hill. So we'll be having it at the PLPOA Clubhouse off of Vista Drive. See Details Below.

Something new is the Highway 160 Trash Pickup that Gerard has been working on. I agree that our club should give something back to the community. We have a two mile stretch of the road with the eastern end being at the East Fork Road turnoff. Our initial cleanup will be September 22 with a get-together afterwards. More details will be provided via email. We hope for a good turnout to make the job easy!

There is other great news also! With fewer Covid concerns we will be reviving our Christmas party. We're working on a fourth luncheon at the ski area since there appears to be no more Tuesday/Saturday fountain drinks available at Base Camp. And Happy Hours in South Fork are coming as well. There will be more details on these events in the October newsletter.

Hope the rest of your summer is wonderful!

Chris Johnson



Autumn Potluck Social!

Tuesday, September 20

4:30—6:30 pm

PLPOA Clubhouse

230 Port Avenue

Brats, buns, wine and beer provided

Potluck: Last name will be the dish to bring:

A-F—Desserts

G-Q—Side dishes

R-Z—Appetizers

Bring any used equipment that you would like to sell or trade. You may sell out of your vehicle. You must handle all sales, the Club does not take part.



Trash Pickup Day

September 22, 10 am

Meet at Tractor Supply

2-mile section on Hwy 160, toward East Fork

Lunch provided afterward. Vests, trash bags, and road rules will be provided for those who volunteer. More information coming soon!!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FOR 2022

Gray Wolf Discounts and Amenities

As a member of the Gray Wolves, in addition to season pass rates, we receive the following benefits and discounts:

- Discounted pre-season lift pass.
- Discounts at participating local merchants
- Discounts on theater tickets
- Four lunches at the ski area, for which the club pays \$8 for each member
- Other club functions: annual Business meeting in June, tail gate/swap potluck in the fall and closing week potluck

IMPORTANT REMINDER!!!!

August 15 deadline to qualify for preseason pass sale NO EXCEPTIONS Our membership drive continues until August 15, 2022. ***You MUST pay your dues by August 15, 2022*** to be eligible to buy a season lift pass at the special Gray Wolf rate for Wolf Creek Ski Area. 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. If you have questions please contact Cynthia.

All season lift passes are sold by Wolf Creek Ski Area (WCSA). They will use the August 15th Gray Wolf Ski Club membership list to verify discounts on season lift passes and the email address you provided with your Gray Wolf Ski Club membership to send WCSA ski contract/waiver link

Meet your Board Members!

President: Chris Johnson. The president presides over meetings of the board officers as well as meetings of the entire club. As a member of all standing committees, he/she helps to facilitate the actions of those committees.

Vice President: Sheila Manzanares. The Vice President position is responsible for securing the weekly happy hour locations and also working with local businesses to negotiate annual Gray Wolf membership discounts.

Secretary: Becky Gerze. The Secretary takes notes from the meetings, sends them out to the board, then after any changes, prints a hard copy and file a copy in the Gray Wolf file.

Treasurer: Stacey Mergens. Treasurers responsibilities include, but are not limited to, accurately recording all income and expense items, monitoring the PO Box, ordering Name tags and distributing them to members who purchased them, and being available for reimbursement for club related expenses. Payment of recurring expenses, PO Box, Storage unit, insurance, and Web support. Filing required State forms, as related to club activities.

Publications Editor: Laura Vanoni. The Publications Editor is responsible for creating and editing the Quarterly newsletters.

Membership Coordinator: Cynthia Riski. The Membership Coordinator maintains Gray Wolf Ski Club membership list (new/renewal) and submits to Wolf Creek Ski area for club discounted season pass, maintains Gray Wolf ski club website, maintains Gray Wolf ski club email broadcast group list, sends email broadcast messages and responds to email queries from membership

Programs Director: Lassie Olin. The Program Chair is responsible for securing the venue for the Christmas Party, Annual Meeting, and the brats in August for the beginning of the ski season, as well as securing all paper products, cutlery, etc for all functions. The position also secures the beer, wine, tea, water. In charge of setting up, decorations, and take-down and cleanup of all functions

President Emeritus: Ron Chacey. Ron has been on the Board in various positions for over 20 years. After giving up the President's seat, the Board, as a token of appreciation for his years of service, appointed Ron President Emeritus for life. Ron provides knowledge of historical precedents and bylaws. He attends the board meetings, offers advice, and volunteers, but does not have a vote.

East Side Representative: Paul Midgley

Ski Area Liaison: Simon Fuger. The ski area liaison interfaces with the owners and management on all sanctioned Gray Wolves activities that may occur throughout the year at the Ski Area. This includes communicating dates, times and agreeing to specific lunch items on the menu. No Gray Wolf event is held at the Ski area without the permission of management. In addition any concerns about Gray Wolf behavior or social activities is communicated through the ski area liaison conversely any Gray Wolf concerns about the ski area is communicated through liaison to the ski area. At the beginning and the end of the ski season the liaison meets with the ski area management to review upcoming functions or to debrief at the end of the season.

GIVE YOUR BOARD MEMBER A BIG THANK YOU NEXT TIME YOU SEE THEM! THEY WORK HARD TO MAKE THIS A GREAT SKI CLUB!!!

Did You Know?

Local businesses provide discounts throughout the year for Gray Wolf members. The following businesses participate:



8200 Mountain Sports

Alpen Haus Ski Center

Ski & Bow Rack



Healing Waters Resort & Spa

The Springs Resort & Spa



Mountain Landing Suites and RV Park

Quality Inn Resort

Smoke Rings Dispensary

San Juan Sport Massage



Foot Prints

VOORMI

PMAB+Movement



Go to the WCSC website to learn more about the discounts <http://www.graywolfskiclub.com>. The link is password protected for members only. The password will be sent out to all members in an email.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August	September	October
<p><i>Membership Dues by August 15 to be eligible for discounts</i></p> <p><i>August 17th, 7:00 pm</i> <i>Grey Wolf Theater</i> <i>SpongeBob the Musical</i></p> 	<p>SEPTEMBER 20 4:30—6:30 SKI SWAP POTLUCK</p> <p><i>September 22</i> <i>Adopt A Highway</i> <i>Trash Pickup Day</i></p> 	<p><i>October 10</i> <i>Columbus Day</i></p>  <p><i>Indigenous Peoples' Day</i></p> 
		
<p>Happy Hour Tuesdays 3 - ? Break Room</p>	<p>Happy Hour Tuesdays 3 - ?</p>	<p>Happy Hour Tuesdays 3 - ?</p>

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