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Keep the snow coming!!

Gray Wolf Ski Club



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy New Year Gray Wolves! As I'm writing this, it is snowing. PagosaWeather.org had predicted a dry November/December, average January, and wet February/March. We've had a fairly dry November/December and so far January is off to an excellent start. Let's hope that the rest of their forecast is accurate.

I trust that you had a wonderful holiday seeing family and friends. For those of you who attended the Christmas party, we certainly had a fun time with great food by The Buck Stops Here and Pagosa Baking and dancing with music by DJ Daytona (Steve Dayton). As usual, our Programs Director, Lassie Olin, did a fantastic job. And a special thanks to all of you who helped to set up and take down the tables, etc.

We still have a few luncheons on the mountain coming up. Our Pirate themed luncheon was quite fun with many excellent costumes. Photos from it and the Christmas party are included below. The next luncheon is Tuesday, January 31 and the theme will be Sports day so line up your costumes! Other luncheons are discussed further in this Newsletter.

As a reminder, our Annual Meeting will be coming up in a few months. Several positions will be up for election. While we have an excellent board, some members have been in their positions for quite a while and are looking to step down. Think about what you can bring to our club to help continue the fun. If you have any questions about the responsibilities, ask the current or any other board member.

See you on the slopes!

Chris Johnson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January	February	March	April
 <p>Sports Day Luncheon At WC January 31</p>	 <p>Valentine's Day Luncheon at WC February 14</p>  <p>Mardi Gras at WC (no lunch) February 21</p>	 <p>Beach Party Luncheon at WC March 28</p>  <p>March 15-May 15 Nominations Open for Board Positions</p>	 <p>April 15 Membership Renewal Opens</p>
			
<p>Pagosa Springs Happy Hour Tuesdays 3-7 The Den</p>	<p>Pagosa Springs Happy Hour Tuesdays 3-7 The Den</p>	<p>Pagosa Springs Happy Hour Tuesdays 3-7 TBD</p>	<p>Pagosa Springs Happy Hour Tuesdays 3-7 TBD</p>
<p>South Fork Happy Hour 1/31 Chavolo's 2:30 - 5</p>	<p>South Fork Happy Hour 2/14 Chavolo's 2:30 - 5</p>	<p>South Fork Happy Hour 3/28 Chavolo's 2:30 - 5</p>	

****LUNCHEON DAYS AT WOLF CREEK***

For each special day this season (January 31, February 14 , and March 28), each member must RSVP , and will get UP TO an \$8 credit. Any amount over \$8 will be the responsibility of the individual member.

You will need to sign in for the lunch, and receive a token from a Board Member. GROUP PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN AT 12:15.

East Side Members!!!!

members located in South Fork and the East Side of the Pass

For those of you located at South Fork and other points east, happy Hour will be held at South Fork's Chavolo's Restaurant on the days of the luncheons (1/31, 2/14, and 3/28) from 2:30—5. The restaurant is located at 0333 US-160, South Fork. They provide free chips and salsa, with \$3.50 Mexican and American bottled beer. Hope to see you there!

Alberta Peak Day

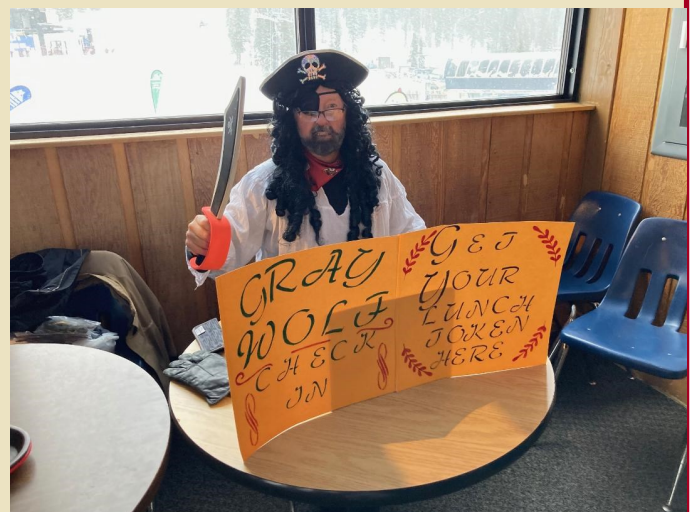
Are you 80, as of February 1st, 2023? If so, every year, the Gray Wolves get together to celebrate our members who are 80. Depending on the weather, the Wolves choose a day to climb up Alberta Peak, ski down, and meet at the base camp to celebrate the momentous occasion.

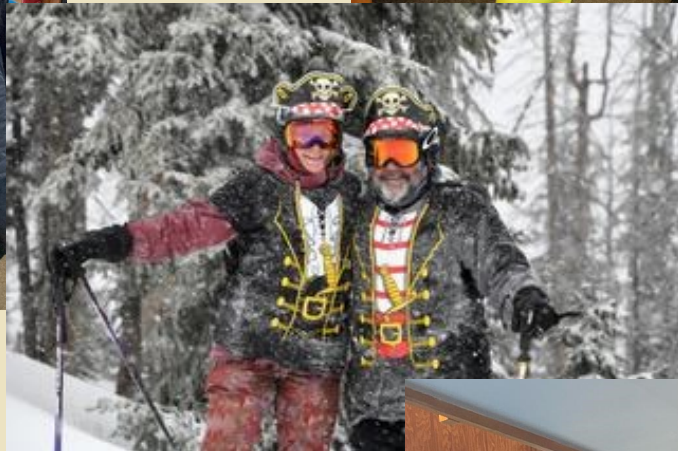
If you are 80, and would like to climb the peak and ski down, contact a Board Member to arrange this event in your HONOR!!!

Stay tuned for the date of this year's event!

Pirate Day, December 2022

ARGH!!





Christmas Party, December 2022

Such a great night! The event was held at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. We had a total of 110 people, all dressed in festive attire. The food was catered by The Buck Stops Here and Pagosa Baking Company, and the company was terrific! Thanks to the Board for putting this together!









Board Elections this Summer!

The Ski Club is accepting nominations for Board of Director positions beginning March 15. Applications will close on May 15. Four positions will be up for election: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Publications Editor. The Vice President and Publications Editor have agreed to serve another term, but all are welcome to throw their name into the ring. If you would like to nominate someone, that is also an option.

Positions are for two-year terms. The positions are elected by the Gray Wolf members. If you are interested in applying for these positions, or would like to nominate someone for these positions, contact any of the Board members to apply.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FOR 2023

Gray Wolf Discounts and Amenities

The Gray Wolves, as of January, 2023, is 1,198 members strong! As a member of the Gray Wolves, in addition to season pass rates, we receive the following benefits:

- Three club scheduled lunch dates, this year will be 1/31, 2/14, and 3/28, at the Main Lodge, the Club pays up to \$8 of the total lunch bill
- Discounts at local businesses—see website for listing, access with a password.

Password for the discounts and membership list will be included in a GWSC group email.

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