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## *April Showers Bring MUD!!*

### *Gray Wolf Ski Club*



## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

The ski season is winding to a close. The snow this year was plentiful, though the start was slow. And it seems that Wolf Creek Ski Area and its great snow is (unfortunately) becoming more popular, not only with out-of-staters but also with the Front Range.

We had several wonderful luncheons with the snow seeming to arrange itself to come on those days. There was limited attendance, but made for some fun skiing. Photos from the Valentine's Day and Beach Party luncheons are included in this Newsletter. While ski season is coming to a close, the fun's not over. We will continue to have our Happy Hours, and there are several events coming up this summer.

First will be our second annual Highway 160 trash pickup. Last fall's event was a big success and we look to continue with that effort. We are currently planning on doing this earlier in the summer so we can enjoy a trash free section of the highway longer. And it should be easier this year so we can enjoy the brats and beer even more. This year it's scheduled for June 8, weather permitting, so mark your calendars. It's not hard work and the beer, brats, and socializing afterward is a lot of fun.




Next, our annual Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11th at the PLPOA Clubhouse. Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Publications Editor are up election. Anyone wanting to nominate a current Gray Wolf to any of these positions, please use the online Board Position Nomination 2023 form. Access it at: [www.graywolfskiclub.com](http://www.graywolfskiclub.com). Once nominations are complete, a link for voting purposes will be sent out. Elections will again be held online in order to assure a quorum. The meeting will be a potluck with GWSC providing brisket/chicken, beer & wine. Please see below for more information. We have an excellent board but are always looking for people to bring new ideas for the club.

One other item of note: We're working on getting new Gray Wolf T-shirts. Always a big hit, and these will make you look fabulous!

Take care and have a wonderful summer!

Chris Johnson

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April	May	June
<p><i>April 15</i> Membership Renewal Opens (due by 8/15) Board Nominations Open</p> 	<p><i>Applications for Board Members Due by May 15!!</i></p> 	<p><i>JUNE 8 HIGHWAY CLEANUP</i></p>  <p><i>BOARD MEMBER VOTING JUNE 1-7TH</i></p> 
<p><i>Who's Happy??</i> <i>Join us for Happy Hour!</i></p> 		
<p>Happy Hour Tuesdays 3 - ? The DEN</p>	<p>Happy Hour Tuesdays 3 - ? TBD</p>	<p>Happy Hour Tuesdays 3 - ? TBD</p>



## *Roadside cleanup June 8*

Join us on June 8 for roadside adopt a highway cleanup. We will meet at Tractor Supply parking lot at 10 am. Cleanup will be along at 2-mile section of Highway 160. Vests, bags will be provided.

Bratwurst lunch will be provided afterward.

## ***Annual Meeting July 11***

**Save the Date! Potluck on July 11th**

**4:30 appetizers, 5:00 supper**

**PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Avenue**

**Brisket, chicken, beer and wine provided!**

Come by at 2:30 to help the Board members set up, and afterward to help clean up!!! We need your help!!!

Potluck Breakdown, based on your last name:

A-F— Appetizers

G-N—Salads

O-Z—Desserts

Deadline to RSVP is June 30th





# *Sports Day, January 2023*

## *GO YOUR TEAM!!!*





# VALENTINE'S DAY, 2023

*Spread some love*

*Valentine's Day*







# Beach Day, 2023





## ***Board Elections this Summer!***

The Ski Club is accepting online nominations for Board of Director positions beginning through May 15. Four positions are 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, feel free to do so online.

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. Nominations of current members in good standing, may be made on the website. For information on the positions and responsibilities, reach out to any current board member.

Here is a job description of each position up for election this year:

**Vice President:** 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:** The Secretary takes notes from the meetings, distributes them out to the Board, prints and files in the Gray Wolf file, and may assist with other club communications, as needed, such as emails using Mailchimp.

**Treasurer:** 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:** The Publications Editor is responsible for creating and editing the Quarterly newsletters and coordinating and ordering marketing materials.

## **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FOR 2023**

### **Gray Wolf Discounts and Amenities**

The Gray Wolves, as of January, 2023, is 1,198 members strong! For your \$15 annual membership dues, in addition to discounted season pass rates, we receive the following benefits:

- Four club scheduled lunch dates, 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.
- Anyone over 50 is eligible to become a Gray Wolf!!!



# Fundraiser for Middle School Nordic Ski Program

The Pagosa Nordic Club (PNC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit and a 100% volunteer organization that "Provides winter recreational opportunities by maintaining and promoting free groomed X-C Ski Trails for Skate Skiing and Classic Cross Country Skiing for all ability levels, and by hosting a number of nordic skiing activities and race events".

This is the 15th season of operation for PNC and they currently have over 450 members. PNC has been advocating for youth X-C Skiing programs since they started 15 years ago.

Though an elementary school program has been conducted by Lindsey Kurt Mason for decades, there were no High School or middle school programs. However, once two champions stepped forward to run the High School program 3 years ago PNC was happy to fundraise and purchase 20 full sets of skate skiing equipment. After seeing the success of the High School nordic skiing program, they now have champions stepping up for starting a 4th-8th grade middle school nordic skiing program, and PNC is fundraising for 12 full sets of equipment.

PNC is currently seeking up to \$5,000 to purchase 12 full sets of Skate Skiing gear (skis, bindings, poles and boots). The equipment is new and good quality. Online donations are accepted at [PagosaNordic.com](http://PagosaNordic.com), on their homepage.

You may also donate by sending a check to:

Pagosa Nordic Club  
Attn: Youth Gear  
PO Box 568,  
Pagosa Springs, Co. 81147

PNC is a non-profit so your donation may be a tax deduction. All donations regardless of size will help them achieve their goal that will jumpstart a middle school nordic skiing program next season. If there are any questions, you can contact PNC at [PagosaNordic@gmail.com](mailto:PagosaNordic@gmail.com), or contact James Dickhoff at 970-946-5549.

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