



*Winter is coming!*

*Gray Wolf Ski Club*

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It is another glorious fall in southwest Colorado and the colors have been incredible. We are starting to see snow in the peaks and snow skiing isn't far off.

We just had our fall potluck and it was very well attended. Lots of good socializing and great food and libations. Thanks to all who made the event a success, but special thanks to Suanne McLellan who organized the event, Oscar Fernandez and John McLellan who cooked all of the delicious brats and Becky Gerze and Joe Gerze who organized the set up.




The club has three major initiatives for the year. Increase participation of the current members and bring more value to their membership. Outreach to the community at large to increase membership and ensure everyone who qualifies for membership is aware of the club and the value it brings. And last, strengthen our relationship with the ski area. Every member can help by getting involved and making sure that all your outdoor loving and social friends know about the club. Be a great ambassador for the club and the ski area!

We are scheduling three luncheons on the ski hill during the season. We will announce more details soon, but we hope you will take advantage of this great club benefit. The club also offers discounts with many local retailers. Be sure to take advantage of these and thank the vendors for their participation.

Our next large event is the Christmas/Holiday Party on December 11th. Hope to see everyone there!

John

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November	December	Ski Hill Luncheons
<p>Happy Thanksgiving!</p> 	<p><i>Save the date!</i> <b>Christmas party</b> <b>December 11th</b> <i>Pagosa Center for the Arts</i></p> 	<p><i>January 28th</i> <i>February 25th</i> <i>March 25th</i></p>
<p>Happy Hour Tuesdays 3 - ? <b>Uncle's</b> 56 Talisman Dr., Unit 8 (formerly Choke Cherry Tree)</p>	<p>Happy Hour Tuesdays 3 - ? <b>TBD</b></p>	

We are looking to see if there is interest in going to Japan for a ski trip in early 2026. Both skiers and non-skiers are invited and the trip would include potential stops in Tokyo and Kyoto. Cost which includes economy airfare, accommodation, transfers, lift tickets and some meals would be \$5-\$7K/person depending on dates and final itinerary. If you are interested please contact Simon Fuger (simonfuger@msn.com or 970 264 1003).



***Save the date!***

***Christmas Party December 11th.***

***Pagosa Center for Arts. Cost \$50 per person***

***Stay tuned for more details coming early November.***



## **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FOR 2024 -**

### **Why be a Gray Wolf?**

The Gray Wolves, as of August 28 is 1,144, which means we are down 12% from last year. 65% of our members are over 65 years old. For your \$15 annual membership dues, in addition to discounted season pass rates for members 65+ and those members who meet the Wolf Creek Ski area grandfathered clause issued in August, 2023, we receive the following benefits:

- Three club scheduled lunch dates (see calendar of events), the Club pays up to \$8 of the total lunch bill
- Discounts at local businesses—see website for listing. Members will receive a group email for access with a password for the discounts and membership list.
- Anyone over 50 is eligible to become a Gray Wolf!!!

# OCTOBER 12TH POTLUCK



# Wolf Creek News



Wolf Creek is inviting season pass holders who are interested in becoming a part-time/holiday instructor for ski, snowboard, Wolf Pups and Wolf Riders to fill out an application. Holiday Ski School employee requirements include working seven to eight days over Christmas and Spring Break periods (15 teaching days total) as well as a minimum of five or more training clinics. Holiday ski school employees are entitled to a season pass, however, there are limitations over peak periods. A seasonal locker will be issued if the holiday employee returns each season meeting the above mentioned requirements. A hiring clinic will be held Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Lynx Learning Center. Employees are needed during Christmas, December 27<sup>th</sup> through January 3<sup>rd</sup>, all holiday weekends and Spring Break, March 9<sup>th</sup> through March 15<sup>th</sup>. Applications can be downloaded from the [Employment link](#) on the Wolf Creek website or by calling the Ticket Office at [970-264-5639](tel:970-264-5639). PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE A SEASON PASS IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING WORK IN SKI SCHOOL. Your name will be put on a list so that the pre-season price will be extended to you in the event that employment with ski school does not work out.”

## Gray Wolf Officers 2024/2025

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