



Fall Leaves

Gray Wolf Ski Club



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I can't imagine living in a more beautiful place. We are so lucky to make southwest Colorado our home. Hope you had a great summer and are recharged for a new ski season! We can practically hear the mountains calling... or maybe that's just the sound of our knees cracking as we dream about the first run of the season. Either way, ski season is creeping up fast, and we are already doing snow dances.

A big shoutout to everyone that attended our fall potluck. Lots of good socializing, great food and libations, and lots of people trading ski equipment for the new season. Thanks to all who made the event a success, but special thanks to Suanne McLellan who organized the event.

We held our first ever Liberty Theater Gray Wolf night where the club rented out the entire theater. It was such a success we plan to repeat the event in the winter.

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 9th. Hope to see everyone there!

Wax your skis, locate that one missing glove, and start practicing your excuses for missing chores. Here's to a great season ahead filled with great powder, good company, and stories we probably shouldn't put in writing.

See you at Basecamp, on the slopes, or at happy hour after.

John Thomas

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

West Side Happy Hour, Tuesdays from 3- ? at Uncle's



NOVEMBER

West Side Happy Hour, Tuesdays from 3- ? at TBD



DECEMBER

West Side Happy Hour, Tuesdays from 3- ? at TBD

Christmas Party Dec 9th at Pagosa Center for the Arts. Set up at Noon and party starts at 5pm. Cost is \$45/person (includes two drink tickets); Guests are \$55/person. RSVP Info will be shared via email in November. Please note that walk-ins are not allowed and that no refunds will be issued. If you buy tickets and can't use them, it is your responsibility to give them away or sell them to someone else.



Did you Know?

In 1998, our dues were \$13 per couple and \$8 for a Single person. Dues increased to \$15 for couples and \$10 for singles in 2000 and then to \$20 for couples and \$15 for singles in 2010. Today's rates are \$15 per person with the GW board giving a one-time \$5 discount to celebrate our 40-year anniversary this year! What inflation!!?



Update on Japan 2026

We currently have 34 participants for the Japan Trip and have closed out the reservation. There will be several social events prior to the trip to get to know all the participants so keep your eyes open for future announcements.

Given the popularity of this trip, we may consider future trips, possibly to Italy for the 2027 season and perhaps to Cortina d'Ampezzo and Bormio, site of the 2026 Alpine events for the winter Olympics.



Membership 2025 - 2026 Information

As of October 2025 the Gray Wolves are 1,120 members strong, including over 70 new members!

Annual membership dues, reduced by \$5 for 2025, allow members discounted season ski pass rates for those age 65+, and for those meeting the Wolf Creek Ski Area grandfathered clause issued in August 2023, receive the following benefits:

- Participation in many outdoor and social event opportunities as well as discounted luncheons at Wolf Creek Ski Area. Watch for more information on these events throughout the year in Gray Wolf Ski Club emails.
- Discounts at local businesses which will be updated this fall and listed on the Gray Wolf Ski Club website. Members receive a group email notification and password when discount updates are posted.

SKI SWAP – GETTING READY FOR SNOW AND EATING OF COURSE!



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