



Snow Dance time!

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Mother Nature seems to be having hot flashes. While our skis are gathering dust (and maybe a few tears), remember — it's not the amount of snow that defines a skier... it's how enthusiastically we complain about not having any!

We're calling it "*character building*" — because nothing builds character quite like skiing over exposed rocks and apologizing to your skis afterward.

But at least we live in a beautiful place, and we have plenty of season left to catch up. Maybe break out the snow dances again?

We had a fabulous turnout for the Christmas Party. Lots of great food, socializing, and dancing with a tiny bit of drinking thrown in. Thanks to all who made the event a success, but special thanks to Suanne McLellan who organized the event.

We have three luncheons on the ski hill coming up and a movie event at Liberty theater and don't forget the weekly happy hours.

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

John Thomas

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

Tuesdays West Side Happy Hour, 3- ? at Uncle's. Uncles's offers \$2 tacos starting at 4pm

Jan 13th East Side Happy Hour 2 – 6pm at Chavalos South Fork. Welcome all San Luis Valley and Creede Skiers!

Jan 20th* Gray Wolf Ski Luncheon at Wolf Creek Main Lodge.

Jan 21st The "Big Chill" Movie Night at Liberty Theater. Watch the email blast for details.

FEBRUARY

Tuesdays West Side Happy Hour, 3- ? at Uncle's. Uncles's offers \$2 tacos starting at 4pm

Feb 3rd* Gray Wolf Ski Luncheon at Wolf Creek Main Lodge.

Feb 24th East Side Happy Hour 2 – 6pm at Chavalos South Fork. Welcome all San Luis Valley and Creede Skiers!

MARCH

Tuesdays West Side Happy Hour, 3- ? at Uncle's. Uncles's offers \$2 tacos starting at 4pm

Mar 24th East Side Happy Hour 2 – 6pm at Chavalos South Fork. Welcome all San Luis Valley and Creede Skiers.

Mar 31st* Gray Wolf Ski Luncheon at Wolf Creek Main Lodge

***Email blasts will share details about the luncheons**

Did you Know?

The original temporary name proposed for the Gray Wolves was the Gray Wolf Pack Ski Club. One of the first decisions facing the club was to finalize the name. The options were:

Gray Wolf Pack Ski Club

Wolf Creek Wolves Ski Club

Creeky Wolves Ski Club

Gray Wolf Ski Club – the winner!



Update on Japan 2026

There are thirty-four participants headed to Japan for skiing and sightseeing. We look forward to seeing pictures and hearing all about the trip.

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 Update

As of January 2026, the Gray Wolf Ski Club is 1,135 members strong, about 95% of the membership enrollment this time last year and includes over 80 new members. Thank you all and welcome new members!

In addition to discounted season pass rates for members 65+ and those members that meet the Wolf Creek Ski area grandfathered clause issued in August 2023, club members receive the following benefits:

- Three scheduled lunch dates at Wolf Creek main lodge where the club pays up to \$8 of the total lunch bill.
- Discounts at local businesses (see website for listing). Active members received a group email in December for access with a password for the current discounts and membership list.
- Participation in many outdoor and social event opportunities throughout the year. These events will be announced in regular club emails and newsletters.

OH, WHAT A NIGHT!



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