Start Praying for Snow for next year!

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Gray Wolf Ski Club

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Was it just me, or did that two years fly by. I'm writing my last Gray Wolf President's letter. It has been a very fun, rewarding experience. A huge thankyou to the other fabulous and hard-working board members that make this position easy and largely ceremonial.

We had a disappointing ski season, but even with a poor snow year there were many opportunities to get out and enjoy the mountain and the fellowship. We ended the year with a happy hour at Uncle's where approximately 100 members participated Hopefully next year will be great, because Mother Nature owes us a good one.

I want to give special thanks to Simon Fuger for planning and organizing the Gray Wolf Japan ski trip. This trip was an unqualified success and a great bonding experience for the 35 members who made the trek. There is interest in future trips to exotic ski destinations like Chile and Italy.

Even though the ski season is winding down, I encourage you all to stay involved with the club throughout the year. There will be lots of opportunities for fun and fellowship. We are planning more subsidized lunches, free movie nights, and get togethers. Watch the newsletter and your emails for details. The club continues to be the best value out there.

See you at happy hour!

John Thomas

Did you Know?

We have three board positions to fill for this coming year: President, Membership Chair and Social Chair. Suzanne Hill (Membership) and Suanne McClellan (Social) are willing to continue, and John Thomas (President) will be stepping down. If you are interested in any positions, please contact a board member for information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

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

MAY

Tuesdays West Side Happy Hour, 3- ? at TBD

JUNE

Tuesdays West Side Happy Hour, 3- ? at TBD

June 28th Annual Meeting 1pm at PLPOA Club House. Details will be shared via email blast at a future date.

2026 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

As of March 2026, the Gray Wolf Ski Club is 1,150 members strong!

Annual Membership drive begins April 15 and runs until August 15. To be eligible for the Wolf Creek ski season pass discounts, you must have your renewal in, and dues paid by August 15, 2026. Membership dues are $15 per person per year, and anyone over 50 is eligible to be a Gray Wolf.

In addition to ski season pass discounts, Gray Wolf members receive the following benefits and discounts:

- Local business discounts as listed on our website. The password for discount and membership lists will be included in a GWSC club email.
- Annual Business Meeting, social events and parties throughout the year.

See our website at www.graywolfskiclub.com for more club information, to renew or join!

We did have some snow (OK just a little) but did manage to have two ski luncheons on the hill.

Japan Trip Review

So, if you're going overseas to ski, where do you go that usually has snow at least as plentiful as our home mountain, Wolf Creek. Japow (Japan Powder) sounded inviting and is generally associated with the Japanese Alps (Hakuba) on the main island of Honshu and the northern island of Hokkaido (Niseko). So began a new adventure for the Gray Wolves Ski Club, the first ever overseas ski trip. Some thirty-six members signed up. The trip was designed to be a combination of skiing and sightseeing. The main skiing destination would be Hakuba valley and its 10 resorts. For those that wanted more skiing, an option was added for Niseko on the island of Hokkaido. Both ski areas hosted the Olympic Winter Games separately. The trip started with three days in Tokyo and ended with three days in Kyoto. Tours were included in the trip. There were also some Gray Wolves parties both scheduled and impromptu. This included the famous Japanese Kimono party at our hotel in Hakuba. Although the Japow eluded us in Hakuba, those that went to Niseko were "rolling in deep". There were plenty of requests for another Gray Wolf trip somewhere else. Chile (Summer trip) and Europe garnering the most interest. If someone is interested in being involved in organizing either of these, some preliminary work has already been done.

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