



Gray Wolf Ski Club

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Western Fall Roundup

Letter from the President

Greetings!! Our Western Fall Round-Up held on 19 September was an outstanding success. I would like to recognize your Program Director, Doe Stringer, for her leadership and direction in putting together the Western Fall Round-Up theme. Doe made the decorations, table settings, and provided the leadership and direction to Gray Wolf volunteers who planned, organized, and set up the Community Center for a wonderful and fun event. All members present had a great time and the food was outstanding. Well done!! Doe and the Gray Wolf Board are now planning for our December Holiday Party. Doe came up with the Holiday Party theme, "Christmas Lights on Broadway", and it will be a very festive event. I encourage all Gray Wolves in the area to attend. Details of this gala soiree will be on our web site.

The Club has a new Vice President. Keith Jones was nominated and approved by all members present to fill the VP position on the Board. Keith has some great ideas and has lots of energy. Welcome Aboard from all Gray Wolves.

In July, I had the opportunity to participate in "The Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa", better known as "RAGBRAI". RAGBRAI is touted as the longest, largest, and oldest touring bicycle ride in the world. I did not train for this event so I was the "support" person for a friend of mine who rode in the 7-day ride across the great state of Iowa. I had a great time. I plan on riding in RAGBRAI next July. I am going to try to get a few "serious" Gray Wolf bicycle riders and form a Gray Wolf team to ride next year at RAGBRAI. If there are any Gray Wolves who are interested in joining me, please call me or send me an e-mail. All the information that a rider needs to know can be found at the official RAGBRAI web site - <http://ragbrai.com/>. The information includes a recommended training program so that it is enjoyable and safe. It is interesting to note that the average age of a RAGBRAI rider is 44 years. There were lots of folks in their 50's and 60's riding this year. This will be a great way to get into condition for next year's ski season. Give me a call if you are interested.

September has brought the season's first snow to the mountains. Start getting in shape, pull out your skis and boards, and let's get ready for another fun year on the mountain. See you at the Holiday Party.

David Lopez

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New Members

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Gray Wolves!

82 new members have joined the club since the July newsletter. That is something to howl about, but far too many names to list here. Please check the website for a complete listing of the 2009/10 members.

**Notice about Pagosa Nordic Club (PNC)
from James Dickoff**

PNC has added four new trail heads, that's five total now, with over 50 km of groomed cross country ski trails. The trails are groomed wide enough for skate skiing with set tracks for classic cross country skiing. Snowshoeing and dogs are welcome. Trail heads include; West Fork, Reservoir Hill/Town parks, Coyote Hill, Turkey Springs and Williams Creek Reservoir campground. These trail maps will be on our web page soon, PagosaNordic.com.

Add the PNC Web Page to your favorites list now, PagosaNordic.com (should be fully up and running by October 15) This is where you will find all the trail maps, grooming and trail condition reports, events schedule, trail etiquette, photos from the trail, club meeting schedule and more.

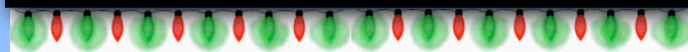
note: Additional Information about the PNC can be accessed on the Gray Wolf Ski Club website www.graywolfskiclub.com. Click on the Cross Country link.

Gray Wolf Happenings

GRAY WOLF CHRISTMAS PARTY

Plans are continuing for our Christmas party in December. Doe Stringer, our Program Chair, has announced that the theme for our gala is:

Christmas Lights on Broadway



It promises to be a special evening with delicious hors d'oeuvres, drinks, music, and dancing. Cocktail attire is encouraged, but optional. You will definitely want to wear your dancing shoes. The club will supply beer and wine. You may want to bring that 'special bottle' you've been saving. Mixers will also be provided.

We are in the process of changing the date and venue of the party. Brenda Smith, our Membership Coordinator, will update the Gray Wolf website and notify members, by email, as additional details are available.

We hope to see you there.

Club Lunches at Wolf Creek Ski Area

Last ski season many of you, 89 club members, enjoyed the lunch at the main lodge. A portion of that meal was paid for by the Gray Wolf Ski Club. It was a great opportunity for members from both sides of the mountain to meet. This year, there will be three lunches. We hope that the turnout will meet or exceed that of last year. Even if you are not a skier, please come up and join your friends, from the Club, for a delicious meal prepared by the great cooks at Wolf Creek. Bring your playing cards, a good book, or just sit and enjoy the ambience of our beautiful mountains in winter.

More information about dates and times will be published on the website. If you do not have email, be sure to ask a friend, who does, to keep you posted.

THINK SNOW!

The 2009/10 membership directory is available online. Click on the link below.

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Western Fall Roundup - Minutes of the Meeting

The Gray Wolf Ski Club business meeting was opened at approximately 1:00 by the Club President. He presented the following business meeting agenda:

- The business meeting was opened by a tribute to the following Gray Wolves who passed away in the last three months.
 - Harry Gunn
 - Roger Behr
 - Winston Perkins
- The President recognized the contributions of our Program Director, Doe Stringer, and the Gray Wolf volunteers who planned, organized, and set up the decorations and table settings for the “Western Fall Round-Up” theme. The decorations, settings, and food were outstanding and contributed greatly to the success of the social. Well done to Doe and the Gray Wolves for making this happen.
- Doe was asked to speak briefly about planning and preparations for the next Gray Wolf social, the Holiday Party. Doe discussed the cocktail party theme, “Christmas Lights on Broadway”, to all members present. It will be a fun and festive event. Details of the Holiday Party will be found in the Gray Wolf web site.
- The President introduced Keith Jones as the Gray Wolf who volunteered to fill the position of Club Vice President. Keith was nominated and approved by all members present to become the new Vice President. Welcome Aboard Keith.
- The Club Treasurer, Ron Chacey, provided a Treasurer’s Report. The Club is doing well and is planning to provide a number of services at Wolf Creek Ski Area. The web site will have all the details.
- The President stressed the importance of visiting the Gray Wolf web site often to keep up with information vital to all members.
- The President briefed all members present on forming a Gray Wolf Bicycle Team to ride in the “The Register’s Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa”, better known as “RAGBRAI”. Details can be found on the Gray Wolf web site under the “Letter from the President”.
- The Club voted on a by-law change, concerning notification of members for business meetings, that was passed by all members present. Details of the change will be located on the Gray Wolf web site. Upon completion of the vote, the President closed the meeting.





*Tray Wolf cowgirls and cowboys
enjoying the Western Fall Roundup!*



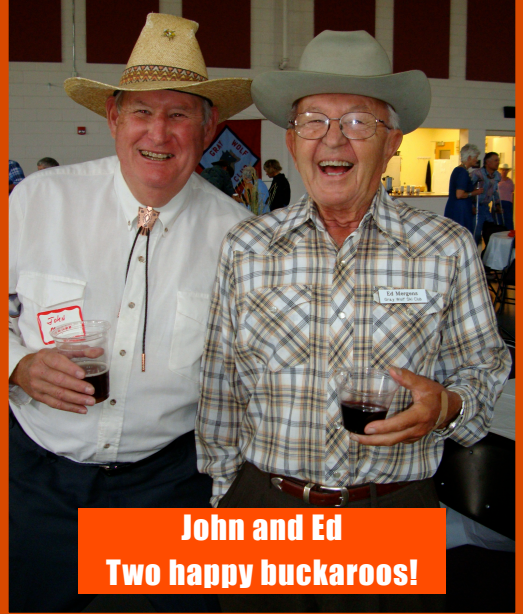
Ingrid and Carole enjoying a growler from Pagosa Brewing Company.



Ron and Cindy dressed in their Western best!



Keith cozying up with the new cowgirl in town.



**John and Ed
Two happy buckaroos!**



Betty Lou looking mighty pretty!



"She's with me, Pardner", says David.



Klaus and Buck
These two belong on a WANTED poster.



Brenda, Amelia, John, Peggy, and Liz
Ya'll are looking real good!

Keith, David, Al, and Doe
Listen up, all you cowboys and cowgirls!



Nettie, Bruce, and Charleen
Big Gray Wolf Smiles!



Carol and Herb
Waiting for the chow line!



Nancy and Jim looking like they just got hitched!



Al loves his dessert!!!

Will Rogers: If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.