

Gray Wolf Ski Club

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Gray Wolves Celebrate Charles Elliott's 95th Birthday!

Over 50 Gray Wolves gathered at the Main Lodge at Wolf Creek Ski Area on Nov 18 to celebrate Charles Elliott's 95th birthday. Everyone brought food and Alta Berkenstesser baked a delicious cake. What a wonderful affirmation that skiing keeps us fit for a long time!



FOR NOW LETTER

Charles Elliott wishes to thank ALL of the Gray Wolves that came to his BIRTHDAY PARTY ON WOLF CREEK TO CELEBRATE HIS 95th BIRTHDAY. ALSO HE APPRECIATED THE MANY BIRTHDAY CARDS AND PRESENTS.

He now has a BRAND NEW KNEE. Considering that it took ALMOST 50 years to get the old knee working, He now looks forward to show the NEW KNEE how to ski

Thanks
Charles



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Letter from the President

Greetings!

The Christmas storms brought huge quantities of snow to Wolf Creek, and through excellent grooming, skiing continues to be great. When I skied on Tuesday, January 13, I saw Charles Elliot on his first run of the ski year. This, following knee replacement and a broken leg, last fall. Not too shabby for a 95 year old.

We look forward to celebrating the season with a luncheon at Wolf Creek on Tuesday, February 3. The club will subsidize your lunch at \$4 per meal. Details to follow.

A special thanks to John Edwards and team for organizing a wonderful Christmas party. Great food, entertainment (John Graves) and prizes.

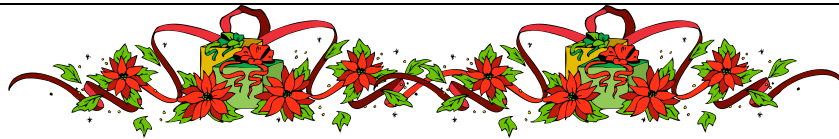
On January 7, many of our members paid tribute to the contributions of Gerry Riggs at La Tazza. We are sad to lose Gerry, who had contributed so much to the Colorado Springs art scene. His obituary appeared in the January 15, 2009 Pagosa Sun. Our vice president, Dave Lopez, had emergency surgery and is recovering in Arizona. He says it will be a few months to complete recovery.

John

**Gray Wolf Board Position Opens in June!
New Newsletter Editor Needed**

My two years as newsletter editor is completed in June, 2009. The Gray Wolves need a new volunteer for the position to take over with the July issue. However, it would ease the transition if the new editor could help with the April issue. If you want to get more involved with the Gray Wolves and have basic Microsoft WORD skills please call me.

**Carol Ellis
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2008 Christmas Party

by Brenda Smith

Our **Gray Wolf Christmas party** was a huge success with superb food, the outstanding music of John Graves, and best of all, a great group of friends to start the holiday season. As in years past, John Edwards organized the party and played host. We all agree, he did a great job!

I would like to say that Pagosa Springs has some absolutely wonderful people. While calling around to local businesses trying to acquire door prizes, the response was tremendous. Even during this economic decline, the reaction was generally 'for the Gray Wolves, I would love to'. So in response, the Gray Wolves would like to thank the following businesses for their support in making this year's holiday season a little bit better:

Lavella Perkins won 'ski' conditioning session from Certified Trainer, Jessica Peart
Lorrie Church won a \$25.00 gift certificate from Dogwood Café
Ann Graves won a \$25.00 gift certificate from HAIRitage by Susan Kay
Jamie Dinkler won a \$25.00 gift certificate from Kip's Grill and Cantina
Spanky Warren won 5 free admissions and concession combo from Liberty Movie Theater
John Edwards won a \$50.00 gift certificate from Ole Miner's Steakhouse
Stan Church won \$20.00 toward services from Pagosa Ski Rental
Cynthia Riski won \$20.00 toward services from Pagosa Ski Rental
Erika Cox won 50% off two rounds of golf and 10% disc at Rio Grande Club & Restaurant
Bart Cox won a free ski rental from Ski and Bow Rack
Claudia Weger won a free snowboard rental from Ski and Bow Rack
Joyce Ramberg won a free cross country ski rental from Ski and Bow Rack
Ron Gustafson won a free snow shoe rental from Ski and Bow Rack
Sepp Ramsperger won \$100.00 worth of ski equipment services from Ski and Bow Rack
Jean Bechtold won a gift certificate for 50% of double occupancy at VA Poma Ranch
Carolyn Warszawski won a \$25.00 gift certificate from Victoria's Parlor

We extend a special thanks to the Management and staff of **Boss Hogg's** for their hospitality and quality service.

Whether you were able to attend or not, as you patronize these businesses, please let them know that you are a Gray Wolf and that we are appreciative for their fine products, services and support that they provide us daily.

Happy New Year!

Gary Wolf Luncheon at Wolf Creek

Mark your calendars. The Gray Wolf Ski Club will have a luncheon in the Main Lodge at Wolf Creek at noon on Tuesday, Feb 3, 2009. The club will contribute \$4.00 per person towards the lunch special with a drink. Watch the web site for more information.

Gray Wolf Membership List

The 2008 - 2009 Gray Wolf Membership List is available on-line.

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