

Gray Wolf Ski Club

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Gray Wolves Enjoy Lunch at Main Lodge at Wolf Creek Ski Area

Eighty nine club members enjoyed lunch at the main lodge on February 3. It was a great opportunity for members from both sides of the mountain to meet. Everyone enjoyed the event



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Letter From the President

On Friday, March 13th, a dozen hearty souls celebrated Will James' 80th birthday by hiking to Alberta Peak, from the top of the Treasure Lift. Snow and a sharp wind made the climb especially challenging. After a brief rest, we skied down the cliff to the tree line, tasted a bite of carrot cake, took a sip of Grand Marnier, and then skied down to base camp to join other party goers for Helen's cinnamon buns. Congratulations Will. I know that you were surprised that I made it. So was Joyce. Photos of the birthday party, our luncheon and the Mardi Gras party are in this issue. We plan to sponsor a luncheon event next year, based on the numerous positive comments.

As our 2008-09 ski year comes to a close, we received our most significant snowfall since the Christmas storms, providing excellent skiing. All told, we have had wonderful conditions through out the season, with frequent smaller snowfalls in January and February.

Since the last newsletter I have received communications on the passing of three of our members or former members. Harry Young, one of the founders of the Gray Wolf Ski Club died in January. He also was our first president, in 1984, and our first newsletter editor, from July 1984, when Volume 1 Issue 1 was published, until November 1992. His family advises that they plan a memorial service later in the spring or summer at the Catholic Church in Bayfield, which Harry and his wife Joan attended while they lived in Pagosa Springs. June and Jim Fuger, long time former members, both died over the summer of 2008. Celeste Nolen died this March in Pagosa Springs. She is survived by her husband, Bill.

I hope that you can join us for the summer business meetings and socials. Vice President Dave Lopez has returned to Pagosa Springs to complete his recuperation, and is ready to take over the presidential reins.

John



Publications Editor Needed

This issue is my last as Publications Editor! The club desperately needs someone to volunteer as editor or this will be the last newsletter. If you are interested and have minimal WORD skills, you can do it! Please call me.

**Carol Ellis,
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The 2008 - 2009 Gray Wolf Membership List is available on-line.

2009 Mardi Gras

Gray Wolfs' dress up for a Mardi Gras celebration on Fat Tuesday



Will James' Birthday

From Mary Gamache

On Friday, March 13, 2009, my husband Buck and I had the privilege of joining Will James, and a group of his friends, to help him celebrate his 80th birthday by hiking and skiing Alberta Peak. The weather that day was less than ideal. It was cold, snowy, and windy, very windy. Will was determined not to let that deter him from his goal. How, then, could any of us turn back. Since this was my first time, I admit I thought about it more than once. After the long hike and the thrill of skiing down from the Peak to the trees, we were treated to a most delicious carrot cake and a warming beverage that Barry Ebersol had carried up in his backpack. Needless to say, it was one of the best birthday treats I've ever had. It was an experience that I won't forget and Will has set the bar high for the rest of us to keep pursuing our passions, regardless of our age.



**Gary Wolf Business Meeting
June 20, 2009**

Mark your calendars. The Gray Wolf Ski Club will hold it's annual meeting on June 20, 2009 at 11:30 AM at the Vista Club House in Pagosa Springs. In addition to any other business the following Board positions will be elected in June.

- Vice President (we need to find someone to do this job) - one year plus the following year as President.
- Treasurer Ron Chacey has already agreed to another two year term.
- Secretary (Lorrie was elected to finish the last year of a 2 yr. term. Hopefully she will agree to the next 2 yr. term)
- Publications Editor - 2 year term.

A reminder notice will be sent out in May with information about sending your proxy if you cannot attend.

July Potluck Dinner
July 5, 2009, 11:30 AM
Vista Club House

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