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Snowy Mountain Brewery News

History of the growler—how a brewery in Wyoming started the modern trend

Today nearly every brewpub is happy to sell you a growler, a half-gallon glass container filled with their ales and lagers. Essentially a growler is a glorified bucket, an upscale pail. In fact, long before beer was dispensed in cans there were growlers.

Over one hundred years ago a growler looked like a galvanized pail with a lid on it. People hauled it from the pub to home to enjoy fresh beer at their leisure or at work (yes, on the job beer drinking preceded the two martini lunch). History however is a bit unclear on just how this container became known as a growler. Perhaps it growled when the carbon dioxide escaped; maybe it was the rumble from the workman's hungry stomach at lunch just before the container was opened. Whatever it was, the name stuck. Before World War II, kids used to lug these covered buckets of beer to workers at lunch and to their parents at the end of the day. They called their task "rushing the growler".

The galvanized metal growler gave way to waxed cardboard containers by the 1950's. The cardboard did eventually soak through but anyone who waited that long to drink their beer probably wouldn't have bought it in the first place. Just as the cardboard container sales began to soar many states began allowing liquor sales on Sundays prompting people to simply go to the bar for a fresh pint than drink from a container at home. Fresh draft beer beat container stored draft beer every time. Then in the late 1980's a small brewpub in Wilson, Wyoming run by the Otto brothers decided to put their beer in glass vessels that looked a lot like moonshine jugs. They put their logo on the bottle and the rest was soon to be beer history.

*Source: www.beernexus.com
Article by: Jim Attacap

Snowy Mtn. Brewery Growlers
Growler of Microbrew: \$35
Refill: \$12



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SRS Employee Spotlight: Adam Thornton

Adam has been with the SRS team for about a month and a half now working as a bartender in the Snowy Mtn. Pub. He is a Carbon County native who grew up in Sinclair, WY and moved to Saratoga less than a year ago. Adam has been studying at the University of Wyoming where he is pursuing a teaching degree, but recently decided to take a semester or two off to enjoy the winter recreations in the Platte Valley!

When he isn't tending bar you'll likely find him snowmobiling in the Snowy Range. He is an avid snowmobiler who has raced snocross and competed in hill climbs. One of his hobbies is photography, which he combines with his snowmobiling. He enjoys taking

pictures of fellow snowmobilers in action. Check out his website at www.snowmobilesnowyrange.com!

Along with bartending, Adam will also help guide snowmobile tours for the Resort this season. Guests will have the added bonus of having their picture taken on tours so they have a memento of their trip. He is a welcomed addition to our 2012 guided snowmobile tours!

Eventually he plans to finish up his degree and hopes to one day teach here in Saratoga.



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Saratoga Middle High School will field a golf team during the spring season after the Carbon County School District 2 School Board unanimously accepted Saratoga Resort & Spa's offer to fund the sport for four years.

Last month, Saratoga Resort & Spa general manager Susan Wallace said the club's president, Dr. Mike Janssen, plans to cover uniforms and travel costs, provide golf clubs at-cost, allow golf pro Lee Hanley to coach the team and open the nine-hole golf course to team members free of charge.

"I would like to get started this spring," Hanley said at Tuesday's board meeting. "I know there are five or six boys interested in playing on the team. I've heard from only one girl interested in playing. We are willing to sponsor both a girls and boys team."

Hanley assured board members students from HEM and Encampment schools are welcome on the team. Hanley plans to hold practices from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. so those students could make it to Saratoga in time.

"If our goal is to make this a district-wide team,

then we will work to get transportation for those kids in Hanna and Encampment," District 2 Superintendent Bob Gates said.

Board member Diane Berger said the district needs to monitor how the golf team affects participation in the other fall sports. Saratoga Middle High School also fields teams in football, volleyball and cross-country teams in the fall.

"After four years, this board has to decide if he wants to take on the costs of continuing the golf program," Berger said. "Wyoming's official high school golf season is in the fall, but teams also play tournaments in the spring.

The Saratoga team will affect the Rawlins High School golf program. The Outlaws have traditionally drawn golfers from the Platte Valley, and two of their four players at last month's state tournament were from Saratoga.

Braxton Schwartzkopf, of Saratoga, was one of Rawlins top golfers this fall. Schwartzkopf told the school board he would play for the Panthers next season.

Source: www.rawlinstimes.com; John Feely;

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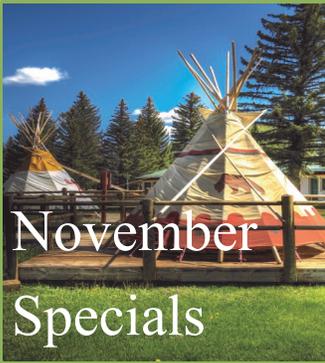
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Healing Waters Spa

Please Note: The spa will not be taking appointments November 1st-15th due to remodeling.

November 16th-30th
Get a Body Polish with Massage at regular price and receive an upgrade to a Warm Stone Massage

Snowy Mountain Brewery & Pub

Daily Specials
Monday
2 Pig Skins for \$5
Tuesday
2 Tacos & a Beer-\$3.50
Thirsty Thursday
\$2 Beers &
\$1 Off Mixed Drinks
Friday
12" Pizzas for \$12

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Winter Lodging Promotions

December 1st-February 29th
Winter Weekday Silver Package
Stay 2 nights (Sunday-Thursday) receive your 2nd night 1/2 off, plus 10% off a spa treatment, 15% off a meal and a free microbrew tasting paddle

Winter Weekday Gold Package
Stay 3 nights (Sunday-Thursday) receive your 3rd night free, plus 10% off a spa treatment, 15% off a meal and a free microbrew tasting paddle

Winter Weekend Getaway
Stay Friday & Saturday night and purchase a spa treatment valued at \$75 or more, receive 15% off your total stay, 15% off a meal and a free microbrew tasting paddle

Saratoga Resort & Spa Guided Snowmobile Tours Begin December 1st!

Experience the thrill of driving a snowmobile on fresh powder through the trails of the Snowy Range. The Saratoga Resort & Spa creates the perfect experience of snowmobiling in Wyoming by offering guided tours through the scenic backcountry of the Snowys.

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Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 24th • Seating at 12pm, 2pm & 4pm

Starter: Choice of soup or salad with roll

Entrée: Heritage turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, sage stuffing, chef's choice of vegetable and cranberry sauce.

OR

Honey glazed ham, mashed sweet and Russet potatoes with herbs, chef's choice of vegetable and a pineapple ring

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Upcoming Events in the Platte Valley

November 24th

- Thanksgiving Dinner at SRS

December 1st-2nd

- PVCC Festival of Trees Gala & Auction

December 3rd

- SRS Ugly Christmas Sweater Party
- Saratoga Christmas Parade

December 25th

- Christmas Dinner at SRS

December 31st

- New Years Eve Snow Ball at SRS

2012 Mark-Your-Calendar Events

January 14th

- 3rd Annual Snowmobile Poker Run

July 20th-22nd

- 3rd Annual Wild West Chess Tournament



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