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President's Message

To All of My Friends,

It is with heavy heart that I write my last President's message. The past two years have just flown by and it seems like yesterday I took the helm of our club. I can't tell you what a joy it has been to work, play, ski and socialize with all of you. We have come so far and accomplished so very much. I am most grateful for all of the support, encouragement and help I have received along the way.

Let me begin by thanking the finest and most outstanding Board of Directors I could ever have hoped for. Past President Dr. Bruce Holtzman - The pertinacious brain behind the Board; Treasurer Walter Marussich - The assiduous warrior who never stops until the task is flawlessly accomplished; V.P. Ski Trips Sheri Agnew - The sedulous strategist who engineered a perfect ski season; V.P.'s of Socials and Special Activities Betty Williams and Connie Flow - The perfect party team whose generosity was only out done by the fun, happiness and smiles they created; Secretary Tammy Walkoff - The soul of wisdom and humor; Communication Director Estela Basso - The brilliant indefatigable queen of computers who brought us into the 21st century; Membership Director Harry Patat - The fount of all membership knowledge; and I saved the most dynamic for last, our Member at Large Pam Strickland - The warm generous heart & soul of the Board, whose unflagging energy was an inspiration to all. I also wish to thank our preeminent & peerless trip leaders, John Paglialongo - Vail; Marie York & Kathy Salata - Park City; Everett Barber & Cheryl Barnes -

Snowmass; Chris McArdle - Keystone; Evie Houston & Terry Sussman - Beaver Creek; and Linn Lambert - Grand Canyon for the unsurpassed time, work & effort they devoted to almost 250 Gators in making our trips simply stupendous.

The Gators are a member driven club and I want to acknowledge the people that make us great, in no particular order. Allen Trefry - Welcoming greeter; Ben Smith- Bike rides and guest leaders, Letti Falko, Chris McArdle, Ray Collie, Tim Kuhn, Vic Lopez, Estella Basso, Ron Harris & Eileen Long; Bill Lobb- Grant Seafood Festival; Randy Czapkewicz- Photography; Alan King & Ward Cotthaus- Wisdom of the ages; Lee Chitty- Fixing the IRS issue; Abe Tessler- FSC Delegate & Election Chair & Springlake golf; Dorothy Rettay & Nina Amodio - Bowling; Dick Miller - Marketing; Tim Dai - Typing President's Message; Eric Hewko Jim Peterson & David Shue- Legal Eagles; Rich Ruvido, Bret & Lacey Greenwald, Karl & Denise Taylor, Norma Barbee & Kevin Rohrer- The Florida Cup; Mike Agnew - Sports America and Audio System; Tom Osborne- Great Party. I apologize because I know I missed many great Gators who gave of themselves for the Happiness of others. Please forgive my failing memory but know you are appreciated.

In closing let me thank all of you for the kind and generous support you have given me over the past 2 years and I know Evie Houston, our new President, will bring our club to new heights of success.

IT IS GREAT TO BE A GATOR!!

With Warmest Personal Regards & Respect,

Rich Wennet, President

Next General Membership Meeting: **WE ARE MEETING 30 MINUTES EARLIER!**

Thursday, May 8 North Palm Beach Country Club 6:30pm Social Hour 7:30 pm Business

Important: June General Membership Meeting **DATE CHANGE!!!**

It will be on June 19th (the third Thursday instead of the second Thursday) this time ONLY. At the same location: North Palm Beach Country Club 6:30pm Social Hour 7:30 pm Business

Membership Renewals for New Club Year Starting June 1, 2014

Please remember to renew your membership. Our 2014-2015 membership year begins on June 1s, 2014. Membership applications can be downloaded on-line at website at www.gatorsnowskiclub.com. They will be available at our general meeting and at the Membership Picnic on June 7, 2014 (please see the flyer later in this newsletter).

Your Club Needs Volunteers!

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We are looking for volunteers in several categories to help our Club succeed:



- **Social and Special Activities Planning Committee**—We need more members to help with our events and activities. Please Contact Betty Williams at 561-389-8353.
- **Trip Leaders and Assistant Trip Leaders**—For Ski Trips, contact Sheri Agnew at 561-371-1153 or gatorskivp@gmail.com; for other trips, contact Connie Flow at 561-329-0122.
- **Event Leaders**—If you are interested in leading one of our events, please contact Betty or Connie.
- **Directors**—The new Board takes office in June. If you are interested serving in the positions of Membership Director or Event Coordinator Director, please contact your new officers.

Our Condolences to Evie Houston, Terry Sussman and Carole Kay

The Gators would like to offer our condolences to Evie Houston on the passing of her mother, Terry Sussman on the passing of both parents and Carole Kay on the passing of her brother. Please keep these members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.



PALM BEACH GATOR SNOW SKI CLUB



2014-2015 Election Results

Congratulations to our New Officers for the 2014-2015 Year!



President: Evie Houston
Vice President / Ski Trips: Lee Chitty
Vice President / Special Activities: Connie Flow
Vice President / Socials: Betty Williams
Secretary: Sharon Long
Treasurer: Orchid Rodriguez
Member at Large: Pamela Strickland



Our new officers will take office on June 1st.

Thanks to the great turnout at our general election meeting, we had many more members in attendance than were required to achieve a quorum for a valid election for the Bylaw Amendment. Many thanks go to everyone who heeded our requests to help us accomplish this.

The Bylaw Amendment proposed by your Board of Directors that limits the Board Benefit passed overwhelmingly. Going forward, the trip credit received by Board members has been reduced to \$500, with the exception of the President, Past President and Member at Large, who will receive none. This replaces the previous Bylaws that designated a free ski trip for most Board members (valued at \$1,661 for 2014). Although in an unprecedented gesture of generosity, all elected officers this year donated their benefits to the Club, future officers are not obligated to do so. The savings due to this Bylaw change will greatly reduce the drain on the Club finances. This Amendment also officially allows a Board member who declines accepting the trip credit to designate how that money should be spent for the good of the membership – with Board approval.

Check us out on Facebook Create your own free Facebook account, then search for Gator Snow Ski Club. You can join the group or just "like us".



Events Planning Committee: Meets the SECOND MONDAY of each month FROM NOW ON

Join Betty and Connie the SECOND Monday of each month at 7 PM at Tall Tales at Gander Mountain in Palm Beach Gardens.



Betty Williams
VP Socials

Connie Flow
VP Special Activities

Join Us at Our Events

Connie Flow (VP of Special Activities) and Ray Flow (Event Organizer) enjoy boating at the Peanut Island Raft-Up on April 19th.



Look for our Mascot at Happy Hour

Look for our Gator sign and the alligator head full of candy, seen here at the February 7th happy hour at The Tiki Bar .



Volunteer for Club Activities

Debbi Haselmire grills hamburgers and hotdogs for the Easter Party. We invite you to join the Social and Special Activities Planning Committee to help us set up Club events.



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Our New Website is UP

Take a tour of our new website. We hope you like it ! It features:

Event Information: on ski trips and all social activities.

Blogs: each of your Board Members can keep you up-to-date on the news from their area of responsibility.

Event Registration: register online and pay with credit card (or checks).

Join/Renew: your membership online.

Members Only Area*: a password protected area with a searchable Directory and other content.

Forums: where members can discuss topics of interest with other members.

Surveys: where members can vote on preferences.

Customizable Member Profile: You can add a head shot of yourself, and set your privacy settings (what information would you like to share and what to keep private).

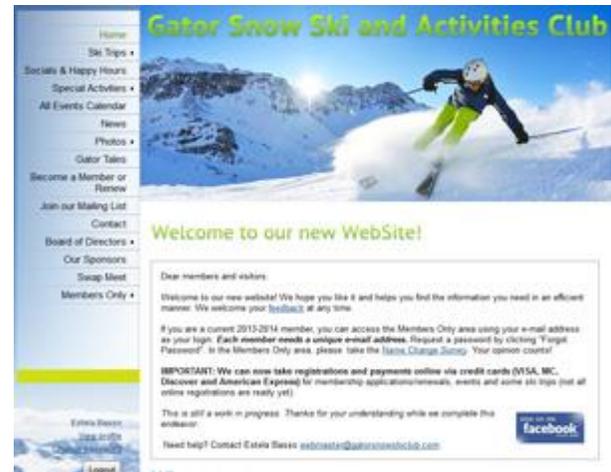
Photo Albums: pictures taken at our events...are you there?

***In order to access the Members Only area,** your membership for the current fiscal year (June 1, 2013- May 31, 2014) must be current, or the system will not let you in. If you need to [join or renew](#) your membership, you can do so online. **Your login is your e-mail. Each member needs a unique e-mail.**

If you are logging in for the first time, click "Forgot Password" and a password will be e-mailed to you, from webmaster@gatorsnowskiclub.com. If you do not see the e-mail shortly, check your spam/junk folder.

If you have joined/renewed recently via check, and you cannot log in, your check may be being processed. Otherwise, we may be missing your e-mail or there may be a typo in it.

Please contact Estela Basso webmaster@gatorsnowskiclub.com for help.



April Meeting Recap—April 10, 2014

Gators members gathered for our April general membership meeting where we held our election. While we waited for the results, we had announcements of upcoming Club events and trips. After the results were in, we celebrated with a feast of pizza and dancing.



Above from left: Sharon Giannotti and Nina Amodio; Phil and Evie Houston on the dance floor;.

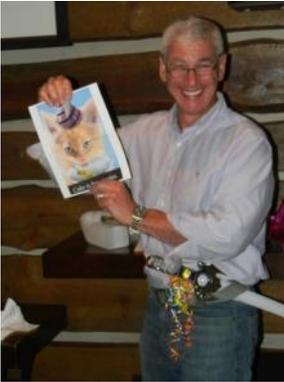
Below from left: Walter Marussich, Jovana Pahl and Estela Basso; Patti Bochniak, Ben Smith and Vi Ware; Jovana and Rick Pahl; Next row: Pam Strickland and Margie Hanratty; Susie Hart, Betty Williams and Bob Homiak; Susie Wy-pasek and Bob Miller; Bottom row: Lois Newell, Arvie Moore and Betty Williams; David Bennett and Rebecca Gould; Mike and Sheri Agnew.



April Board Meeting —April 3, 2014

Gators in attendance at our Board Meeting on Thursday, April 3rd, were treated to a surprise celebration marking the birthday of Club President Rich Wennet. All members are welcome at any Board Meeting.

On right: President Elect Evie Houson serves birthday cake; Rich Wennett holds up his gift of a toy sword. Below from right: Rich holds a card; Rich holds a gift of a case, Rich holds up a gag gift.



Treasurer's Report

A Note from Your Treasurer, Walter Marussich

Dear Members,

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers. A special thanks to those officers who in spite of an acrimonious year elected to serve for a second year. These are the new gallant leaders who not only donated their benefits to the membership this year but chose to serve at a reduced or zero benefit for the next season.

Among the many progressive changes brought to you by this year's board is access to the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report is posted monthly in the "members only area / Treasure's report" area of the our new website. In addition, this year we have required all trips to produce a final "reconciliation" which details exactly how the trips monies were spent. There can be no hidden benefits, FAMS, travel, or expenses without your alert review of these documents. Prior to this year, you ,the members, were not given easy access to this information. It was practically impossible for you to see how club resources were being allocated.

We also undertook a historic vote. By a nearly unanimous vote, you, the membership, voted 112 to 1 to reduce the board benefit to a manageable level. This is a triumph for those fiscally responsible members who persevered in this pursuit after numerous obstacles and rejections generated by previous Boards. After nearly a dozen years, you, the members, were finally allowed to make a decision on this divisive issue. The message is a clear mandate. A significant amount of the Board's focus will now shift from raising revenues to fund the benefit to a new emphasis on the growth and health of our Club and its members.

Though I will no longer serve on your Board (we do observe term limits), I look forward to continuing being part of this information and ideas revolution brought forth by the new faces of your Board.

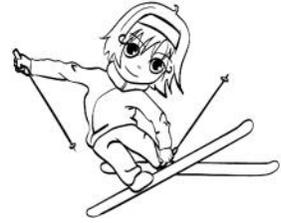
Respectfully,

Walter Marussich



As The Skis Turn

From your VP Ski Trips, Sheri Agnew



Time To Pass The Baton!!

This will be my last article as VP Ski Trips for the Palm Beach Gator Snow Ski Club. It has been a great year, a great Ski Season, and a great honor to have served you and our Club in this position!

And I must personally thank our fabulous Trip Leaders that were a major part in making the Ski Season a successful one for our 238 skiers that hit the slopes in various locations: **John Pagli-alungo (Vail); Everett Barber & Cheryl Barnes (Snowmass); Chris McArdle (Keystone); Marie York & Kathy Salata (Park City) and Evie Houston & Terry Sussman (Beaver Creek). Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!**

Hopefully you were able to join us on one or more of those FAB & FUN ski trips. We had a wide variety from Early Luxury skiing starting last December, through two FSC trips, a short, no frills trip ~ first for our Club, and by all accounts a popular one! Wrapping up the season with spring break skiing at its best. If you missed out on the fun, not to worry...we are working on the 2016 season, and you will have just as much variety to choose from!

Here are the highlights so far:

DEC 6-13, 2014: Season Kickoff, staying at the Sheraton Resort, in **Steamboat, Colorado!** Kids ski free!

JAN 10-17, 2015: Lake Louise/Banff, Canada; staying at the Chateau Lake Louise & the Banff Springs Castle ~ stay tuned for all the highlights!

JAN 24-31, 2015: FSC-Telluride, Colorado, staying at Bear Creek Lodge.

JAN 31-FEB 7, 2015: Taos, NM, offering a "Learn to Ski Better Week", staying at the Snakedance Inn & includes a Snakedance fleece vest for each skier, and much, much more!

FEB 6-15, 2015: Zell Am See, Austria, and a side trip to Salzburg with Bill Lobb & Lee Chitty.

FEB 28-MAR 7, 2015 ~ by the time you read this, the trip will be set!;

Spring Break, MAR 14-21, 2014 and a "**Snow Chaser**" Trip the beginning of April ~ stay tuned for updates as the season unfolds!

And to service our trips, we need YOU to volunteer as Trip Leaders & Assistants!! If you have not been a leader before, AND if you have been a leader in the past, please apply and help your Club! Qualifications include a two year membership as a leader and a year membership as the assistant. Experience with excel, word docs, pdf formats, email and Facebook is also helpful. There is a lot of reward in being a part of great memories with your friends, and new systems implemented are making it easier. Included in this newsletter is a **Trip Leader Application**. Please send your completed one to gatorskivp@gmail.com.

So I will wrap up by saying that I am proud to have been a part of this year's Board, and for being part of a team that has worked hard for you, the members. There have been A LOT of new and good things accomplished this past year ~ and there is still much more to do! I hope you help out...volunteer...and be part of the Palm Beach Gator Snow Ski Club Team! Wishing the next Board the very best!

Until next time, Gator Mates,

Sheri Agnew

VP Ski Trips, (561) 371-1153;

gatorskivp@gmail.com





PALM BEACH GATOR SNOW SKI CLUB

2014 – 2015 Trip Leader & Assistant

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: (____) _____ CELL PHONE: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

Current Club By-law requirements: "Trip Leaders shall have been members of the Club for at least two (2) years, and have participated in a prior trip of similar complexity as an Assistant Trip Leader.

An Assistant Trip Leader shall have been a member of the Club for at least one (1) year and have participated in a prior Club Trip".

Please respond to the list of questions below relating to experience & qualifications. As we progress with on-line registrations & social media it is an expected requirement that you or your assistant will be involved with these areas.

1. Computer with 2003 or newer Operating system & email. Yes _____ No _____
2. Email checked daily during selling season. Yes _____ No _____
3. Download & open word doc; excel worksheets; pdf file attachments. Yes _____ No _____
4. Create documents in word doc.; excel; pdfs. Yes _____ No _____ Other Software: _____
5. You have a Facebook Page. Yes _____ No _____; You are a member of the Gator Facebook Page?
Yes _____ No _____. What other forms of Social Media do you participate in (Twitter, FourSquare, Pinterest)?
6. Can you create a flyer and other sales materials? Yes _____ No _____
7. If you have answered NO to any of the above please explain why. _____
8. Are you planning any extended trips for business or pleasure (over 7 days) during the selling season of the ski trips? Yes _____ No _____ It is very important that a Trip Leader attend the General Meetings during this time to sell & promote your trip, and must have someone, i.e. their assistant to cover should you have to miss a meeting. Extended periods of time of absence without phone or email are a hindrance to selling your trip.
9. Will you be accessible by phone and email to accept and answer any questions during this time. Yes _____ No _____
10. How many years have you been a member of the Gator Snow Ski & Activities Club?

11. In your own words, what makes you a Great Trip Leader or Assistant:

12. Are you willing to attend Trip Leader Training Sessions? Yes _____ No _____

13. List of Trips for 2014-2015 still requiring Trip Leaders:

- a. Lake Louise/Banff, JAN 10-17, 2015
- b. FSC Telluride, JAN 24-31, 2015
- c. Taos, NM, JAN 31-FEB 7, 2015
- d. Vail, FEB 28-MAR 7, 2015

14. List your choice of the above resorts you would like to lead to:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

15. List below recent Gator ski trips taken and leadership role if applicable:

YEAR	DESTINATION	TRIP LEADER / ASSISTANT?

16. List any other Gator activities, committees, or other trips that you have assisted with. Also, list any leadership roles you have been involved with outside the Gators, plus any additional information that indicates your qualifications to lead or assist on a trip.

YEARS	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPATION

Signature:

Date:

Thank you for volunteering to help the Palm Beach Gator Snow Club! Please return your application to: Sheri Agnew, VP Skis, Palm Beach Gator Snow Ski Club. Email: gatorskivp@gmail.com or mail to 1030 US Highway One, #310, North Palm Beach, FL 33408 (561) 371-1153.

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Special Activities *From VP of Special Activities, Connie Flow*

LEISURE BIKE RIDE FUN

This season, Ben Smith has been coordinating our leisure bike rides with the help of guest leaders. The rides started in October and finished up in April. Many thanks for a job well done go to Ben and the guest leaders of the 8 rides scheduled this season, who included Ben, Ray Collie, Chris McArdle, Tim Kuhn, Eileen Long, Ron Harris, Letti Falko, Vic Lopez and Estela Basso. Please see the page of pictures of the final bike ride in Palm Beach in this newsletter to get an idea of how much fun they are for the Gators. Stay tuned for the next season of bike rides in October.

BASEBALL GAME - May 12, 2014

Join Rick Pahl and your Gator Friends at the Dunedin Blue Jays vs Palm Beach Cardinals game at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter on Monday, May 12th at 6:45 PM. Regular price is \$8.50, but our price is discounted at \$5.50. Enjoy dollar night, with hotdogs, popcorn, nachos with cheese, Pepsi sodas, ice cream bars each for just \$1. Please contact Rick at 561-667-0515 or miamo777@comcast.net for more information.

MEMBERSHIP PICNIC - June 7, 2014

Join the Gators at our annual Membership Picnic at the Carlin Park Beach Pavilion on Saturday, June 7th from noon to 5 PM. Enjoy hotdogs and hamburgers and mingle with your fellow members. Membership applications will be available and we encourage you to renew your membership at this event. Please bring payment (cash or check) with you. You can also renew on-line using your credit card.

A TASTE OF ITALY - June 8-22, 2014

The Gators will be heading for historic, picturesque Italy next summer where we will visit 4 major attraction areas with minimal travel/bus time while in Italy. This trip is currently sold out of airline transportation. Ground packages are still available. For more information, please contact Walter Marussich at 561-768-6368 or gsscmem@comcast.net.

SOURDOUGH & WINE TRIP - September 19-24, 2014

Want to travel with the Gators to San Francisco and Sonoma Valley? We are planning a great trip for you for only \$1,470! We will visit California wine country starting with a 5 night stay in San Francisco on Fisherman's Wharf followed by 2 days in wine country via chartered bus with 5-6 wine tastings and tours. If interested, please contact trip leader Terri Sussman at 772-873-0525 or sussman123@comcast.net. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information.



DISNEY WEEKENDS - Oct. 3, 4 & 5, 2014 and Nov. 21, 22 & 23, 2014

Betty Williams will be leading two weekend event trips to the Disney theme parks in Orlando. The first will be to enjoy the park Halloween decorations and will take place on the weekend of October 3-5, 2014. The second will be to enjoy the Christmas decorations and will take place on November 21-23, 2014. We will be staying at the All Stars hotel on the Disney property. Price is \$120 per person per weekend. Park tickets are not included. For more information, please contact Betty at Msbettywilliams@att.net or 561-389-8353.



Connie
VP Special Activities

Come to our Social and Special Activities Planning Meeting:

Monday, May 12th (Date Change) at 7 pm at Tall Tales (inside Gander Mountain)

Social Activities *From VP of Socials, Betty Williams*

Hello Fellow Gators,

Thanks, everyone, for voting for me! I hope everyone enjoyed all the trips, parties, happy hours, etc. I hope more of you will get out and enjoy all our activities. Don't forget our June 7th Membership Picnic at Carlin Park. For more information, please see the flyer published in this newsletter. Come and enjoy all the fun with your fellow Gators. We are a Club that includes all of you—not just a few friends, but everyone!

I have many trips and parties planned. My Memorial Day party is May 24th. My Disney Trips are: Halloween - Oct. 3, 4 & 5, 2014 and Christmas - Nov. 21, 22 & 23, 2014. Our Christmas Pageant Bus Trip is Dec. 13, 2014 with a 2 PM bus pickup and includes a Japanese steakhouse dinner. We are planning our Beach Weekend in August.

Anyone with ideas, please come to our Social and Special Activities Committee Meeting on Monday, May 12th at Gander Mountain. Our meetings are always the 2nd Monday of the month. Come help us plan our parties, trips, outings, etc.

We have lots of fun things to do. Come join us and if you can, please volunteer. We have fun decorating and getting things ready for the parties, etc.

I want to thank Randy, Mike, Kathy, Nina, Liz, Sharon, Tim and all who help make these parties happen. I couldn't have done the Valentine's Dance without their help. As always, Volunteers are the heartbeat of our Club, so come join in. I know I want to do everything myself, but I am learning to let others help, and we enjoy working together for our Club.

God Bless, Lover you all,

Betty Williams

VP Social Activities

I need volunteers! If you would like to help, please contact me.

Photos from Social Events



Tall Tales Happy Hour April 11, 2014—Liz Loeffler, Millard Porter and Wendy Angelastro



Easter Party April 13, 2014 - Vi Ware and Tif Keever

UPCOMING

HAPPY HOURS

Verdea - Happy Hour

2 May 2014

\$5 Beer, Wine, House Cocktails, Free Appetizers

4350 PGA Blvd.

Palm Beach Gardens 33410

Blue Lagoon - Happy Hour

9 May 2014

Bar drinks half price, Free appetizers

1447 10th St.

Lake Park 33403

Doubletree Hotel Bar - Happy Hour

16 May 2014

Drink specials, Live band

4350 PGA Blvd.

Palm Beach Gardens 33410

Tiki Bar - Happy Hour

23 May 2014

Well drinks half price 5-7 pm, special bar menu

200 East 13th St

Riviera Beach Florida 33404

TBD - Happy Hour

30 May 2014

Come to our Social and Special Activities Planning Meeting:

Monday, May 12th (Date Change) at 7 pm at Tall Tales (inside Gander Mountain)



Baseball Game

Dunedin Blue Jays

vs.

Palm Beach Cardinals



Monday, May 12, 2014

Join the Gator Snow Ski Club for Baseball at Roger Dean Stadium on Monday, May 12th at 6:45 PM.

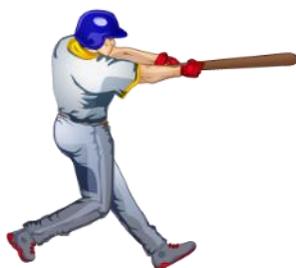
Regular ticket price is \$8.50, but our discounted price is only \$5.50!

Bring your ticket to Duffy's and get \$10 off your \$20 bill good for 1 month from game.



Dollar night specials: Hotdogs, popcorn, nachos with cheese, Pepsi soft drinks, ice cream bars for \$1

For more information, contact event organizer Rick Pahl at 561-667-0515 or fmiamo777@comcast.net.



Memorial Day Party



at Betty Williams' home
 15780 74 th. Avenue North
 Jupiter FL 33418
 (Palm Beach Country Estates)
 [561] 575-2460



Saturday, May 24, 2014

2:00 p.m. to ? ? ? ?



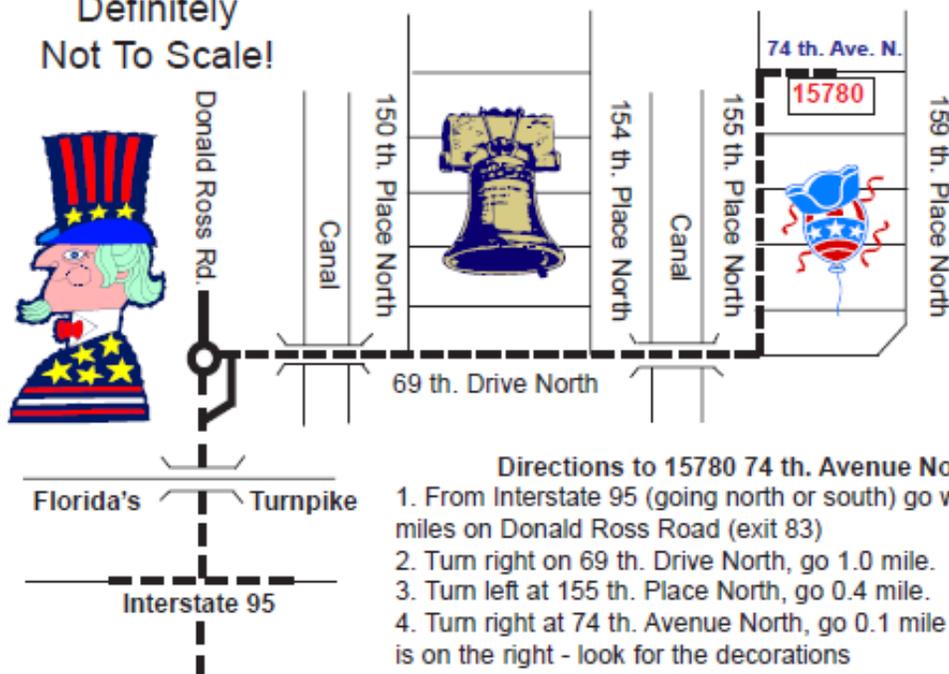
Try a bit of karaoke or just listen to the music. Be cool - shoot some pool.

Try lawn games, play LCR, and take a relaxing dip in the hot tub. Then be really cool - take a dip in the pool. Enjoy the conversation at the fire pit and have a deliciously wicked midnight snack.



Bring your favorite beverage(s) and a dish to share [enough for 6 - 8 party people]

Definitely
 Not To Scale!



- Directions to 15780 74 th. Avenue North:
1. From Interstate 95 (going north or south) go west 1.5 miles on Donald Ross Road (exit 83)
 2. Turn right on 69 th. Drive North, go 1.0 mile.
 3. Turn left at 155 th. Place North, go 0.4 mile.
 4. Turn right at 74 th. Avenue North, go 0.1 mile - # 15780 is on the right - look for the decorations



Palm Beach Gator Snow Ski Club Annual Membership Picnic!

Saturday June 7, 2014

Carlin Park Beach Pavilion

400 S. S.R. A1A, Jupiter, Florida

From: 12 noon- 5 pm

Are you a skier and looking for a great Ski Club to be a part of?

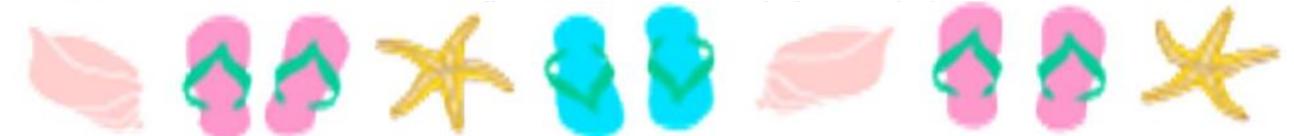
Come join us for a fun afternoon!

Membership is only \$40 for a single & \$60 for family. Have your pick of 6 ski trips a season, and other exciting travel and social activities all year!

Already a member? Renew your membership for the year (bring your checkbook) and cross one thing off your to-do list.

Enjoy the hot dogs, hamburgers and refreshments cooked and served by your Board Members.

Not affiliated with the University of Florida (UF)



Special Activities Adventure

A Taste of Italy June 2014



This custom designed tour includes:

- 12 Night stay in historic, picturesque Italy
- 4 Major attraction areas
- Minimal travel/bus time while in Italy



Day 1 – Naples - Sorrento

Day 2 – Sorrento - Capri

Day 3 – Sorrento - Amalfi - Positano

Day 4 – Sorrento - Pompeii - Rome

Day 5 – Rome

Day 6 – Rome

Day 7 – Rome - Chianti - Florence

Day 8 – Florence

Day 9 – Florence - Siena - San Gimignano - Venice

Day 10 – Venezia

Day 11 – Venezia - Trieste - Treviso

Day 12 – Treviso - Laguna - Veneta

Day 13,14 – Treviso - Venice – Lisbon- US

June 8 to June 22, 2014

\$ 4050 approx.)

\$2800 (Ground – approx.)

Itinerary and prices subject to change based on participation and air travel availability.

For more information, contact:

Walter Marussich

561-768-6368

gsscmem@comcast.net



Palm Beach Gator Snow Ski Club

Presents Sour Dough & Wine!



**September
19 - 24
2014!!**



2 Nights in San Francisco

- ◆ *Ride Cable Cars & Explore Fisherman's Wharf*
- ◆ *Visit China Town & Knob Hill*
- ◆ *On the way to Sonoma Valley visit the beautiful
Armstrong Redwoods*
- ◆ *Lunch at Bodega Bay*

3 Nights in Sonoma Wine Country

- ◆ *6 Wineries with Tastings & Other Activities!*
- ◆ *ALL for ONLY \$1,470!!*



(772) 873-0525

Trip Leader, Terry Sussman
sussman123@comcast.net



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Recent Happy Hours

Blue Lagoon Happy Hour— January 24th

The Gators enjoyed a happy hour at the Blue Lagoon in Lake Park, one of our recurring destinations. A great time was had by all at this bar and gaming establishment.



Tall Tales Happy Hour - January 31st

The Gators had a great time at Tall Tales at Gander Mountain in Palm Beach Gardens. Our members enjoyed socializing in the friendly atmosphere of this hunting lodge themed bar and restaurant. This favorite destination is also the location of our Board meeting and Special Activities & Social Committee Meeting.



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Recent Happy Hours

Tiki Bar Happy Hour— February 7th

The Gators enjoyed a happy hour at the Tiki Bar in Riviera Beach, one of our recurring destinations. The Gators had a blast at this waterfront restaurant and bar, enjoying it before it closes due to waterfront renovations.



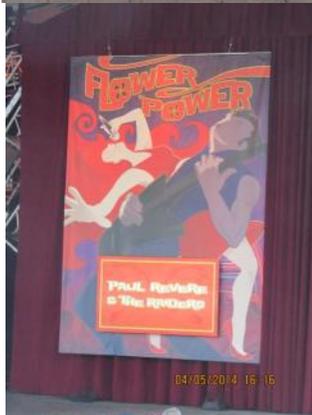
Carrabba's Happy Hour - March 14th

The Gators had a great turn out at Carrabba's Italian Grill in North Palm Beach, one of our recurring destinations. A great time was had by all at this Italian restaurant and bar.



Recent Special Activities Event Weekend at Disney — April 4th-6th

Betty Williams led a weekend trip to the Disney theme parks in Orlando for the 2014 Epcot International Flower & Garden Festival. This featured a discounted stay in the Holiday Inn across from Downtown Disney with happy hours Thanks, Betty, for organizing this great event!

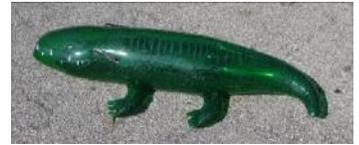


Epcot Photos: Top clockwise from left: Vi Ware, Walter Marussich, Betty Williams and Bill Lobb in Germany; Topiary exhibits: Snow White & Dwarves; Lion King; Kermit and Miss Piggy; the Lady and the Tramp; Daisy Duck, Goofy and Donald Duck; Middle from left: Flower Power Concert with Paul Revere and the Raiders; Epcot gardens; Below from left: Animal Kingdom photos: Tigers, Gorilla; Hippos.



Recent Special Activities Event

Leisure Bike Ride - Palm Beach - April 26th



Ben Smith organizes leisure bike rides that are held during the cooler months. Guest leader Estela Basso led the ninth Leisure Bike Ride of the season at Palm Beach on Saturday, April 26th. Everyone met up at 10 AM on Sunset Avenue for a ride along the lake for about 9 miles at 8-10 mph. We enjoyed lunch afterwards at Too Jay's Deli. Many thanks to Estela for leading and to Ben for the overall coordination.

The next season of Leisure Bike Rides will begin in October. Please contact Ben Smith at bbsdob525@aol.com or 561-775-3481 if you would like further information.



Recent Special Activities Event

Panthers Ice Hockey Game — April 12th

Bill Lobb organized a Gator trip to the Panthers Ice Hockey Game on Saturday, April 12th. We chartered a bus to the Panthers vs. Blue Jacket Hockey Game. That departed from the Double Tree Hotel. We all had a fabulous time and enjoyed the game. And the bus ride together. Thanks, Bill, for organizing this fun event!



Recent Social Event

Easter Party — April 13th

Betty Williams hosted the Easter party at her home in Saturday, April 13th. Her decorations were fabulous and the food was wonderful. There was even an Easter egg hunt with raffle tickets hidden inside plastic eggs. We all had a marvelous time. Thank you, Betty, for your ceaseless dedication to the club in opening your home for yet another fun event!



Recent Special Activities Event

Peanut Island Raft-Up — April 19th

Ray Flow organized the Raft-Up at Peanut Island on Saturday, April 19th. Ray Flow and ET Strickland provided free boat rides from the mainland to the island for those members without boats. Once on the island, the Gators had a great time on the beach and in the water. We enjoyed hotdogs, shared dishes and BYOB. Thanks, Ray, for running this fun event!



Member Spotlight

An Interview with Marco Dallapiccola



Name: Marco Dallapiccola (pictured above on the left with his girlfriend Agnese)

Tell us the basics about yourself (name, where do you live, immediate family, occupation):

My name is Marco I live in Trento (Italy) 3-4 months per year and in West Palm Beach 8-9 months.

I work for Top Out Sports. We produce Alpine Rockfest. The Alpine Rockfest combines sports and entertainment on an unprecedented level and has established a premier event for world-class athletes in ski racing and musical acts. The aim is to showcase alpine racing and olympic athletes outside of the Ski World Cup in a modern, cool and sexy environment. We manage PAGANELLA SKI - TRENTO AS THE EUROPEAN NORGE SKIFORBUND MEN'S SKI TEAM TRAINING CENTER and related commercial such as Aksel Lund Svindal/Trentino.

Origin (country? or city/state where you were born, family ancestry)

I'm Italian and I was born in Trento

Years in ski club? How did you find it?

It's my first year and I found it online

What is your favorite winter sport: (ie downhill skiing, snowboarding, CAT skiing, snowshoing, cross country skiing, tobogganing, etc)

Alpine skiing downhill. I'm on skis 130 days.

Any other sports you enjoy?

Cycling, running

Memorable experiences (w Gators or ski related):

The first time I skied with Bode Miller (2005) and 2013 Christmas lunch on top of Paganella with Askel Lund Svindal.

What social activities and special activities are your favorites?

I like skiing with my friends and enjoy Florida sunshine.

Why are you a member? (or What does being a member mean to you?)

I like to share my passions with Gators members.

Ever served on a committee or had a leadership position?

Yes in my previous and actual works. I 'm also Chief of race Fis Alpine ladies European Cup.

Future plans:

Continue with my actual plans.

Tell us anything you would like to share

I would like to bring Gators to my hometown and show them the wonderful Dolomite.

Member Spotlight

An Interview with Agnese Leonardelli



Name: Agnese Leonardelli (pictured above on the right with her boyfriend Marco)

Tell us the basics about yourself (name, where do you live, immediate family, occupation):

My name is Agnese, I am from Italy and I live in Trento during winter and in West Palm Beach for summer.

I've studied Sport and Event management, I've spent 6 months in Beaver Creek working for the Vail Valley Foundation, and I worked also for Swiss Timing (an event company timing for ski world cup and Olympics) Now I work with my boyfriend Marco for Top Out Sports, organizing the Alpine Rockfest and other sport activities. I really love event management!

Origin (country? or city/state where you were born, family ancestry)

I am Italian and I was born in Trento. I come from a "wine family"; we raise grapes.

Years in ski club? How did you find it?

I am a new member in the ski club and I found it last year surfing the internet while relaxing in the patio with a cocktail here in Palm Beach!

What is your favorite winter sport: (ie downhill skiing, snowboarding, CAT skiing, snowshoing, cross country skiing, tobogganing, etc)

My favourite winter sport is downhill skiing (especially early in the morning when all other people are sleeping!!)

Any other sports you enjoy?

I enjoy biking and would like to learn golfing!

Memorable experiences (w Gators or ski related):

One memorable experience was when me and Marco had Christmas Lunch with Aksel Lund Svindal up at my favorite mountain restaurant "La Roda" in Paganella and after lunch we skied down in the clouds without even seeing our ski boots!!! I look forward to have memorable experiences also with the Gators.

What social activities and special activities are your favorites?

In winter I like to have lunch at La Roda and in summer I like to go to Singer Island Beach, enjoy seafood and shopping in the Palm Beaches area!

Why are you a member? (or What does being a member mean to you?)

I am a member because I love Palm Beach and at the same time I love Skiing! I think it is the perfect mix!

Ever served on a committee or had a leadership position?

Yes, in group project and work.

Future plans:

Continue as now!

May 2014 Calendar

April 27	28	29	30	May 1	2	3
				Board of Directors Meeting 	 Happy Hour Verdea;	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				 General Membership Meeting	 Happy Hour Blue Lagoon;	 Diva Duck Tour
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Social and Special Activities Planning Meeting - New Night				 Happy Hour Doubletree Hotel;	
	Baseball Game at Roger Dean Stadium 					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
					Happy Hour Tiki Bar; 	Memorial Day Party at Betty's 
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
					Happy Hour TBD; 	

A Note from Your Communications Director, Estela Basso



Dear Members:

Just a note to let you know that you will start receiving, via e-mails, reminders that your membership is due for renewal June 1st. You can pay with credit card online (no extra fee) or you can send a check with a completed membership application to :

Palm Beach Gator Snow Ski Club

Attn: Membership Director

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Thank you!

Estela

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