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President's Message

Hey kids, do you know what time it is?

You are really old if you remember the answer: "Its Howdy Doody Time" from the hit children's TV show circa 1948-1959. Well seriously it is time for another great Gator month complete with a wide array of social activities, parties, happy hours and lots of fun! Let me give you a preview of what is in store for you in the coming months.

Let us begin with our own Sheri Agnew, VP of Ski Trips, Queen of the Mountains, Princes of the Slopes, and Creator of Our 2013 Snow Gala, to be held on Saturday, September 7 at the world famous West Palm Beach Pavilion complete with food, drinks and music. Don't miss this great ski season kick-off party.

Next up is our Labor Day Golf weekend extravaganza at the beautiful Spring Lake Resort in Sebring outside of Orlando. This awesome trip should be returning shortly after this edition of Gator Tales is published. I hope you did not miss the fun.

Are you ready for another fantastic long

weekend get-away? Well, how about golf, fishing, horseback riding, swamp buggy rides, hayrides, a rodeo, line dancing... If so then the Westgate River Ranch is your kind of place. And I am not quite through. We also have excursions planned to Disney World in Halloween and a trip to the Daytona 500. Not too shabby if I do say so myself.

I hope no one missed the Happy Hours at the Pampas Grille, or at Tall Tales in Gander Mountain or at swinging Rocco's Tacos because if you did, you missed a whole lot of happy hours with your friends.

And last but certainly not least the snorkel trip at high tide under the Blue Heron Bridge, led by Poseidon himself aka Ben Smith, was simply spectacular.

So look inside the Gator Tales for all the trips and events so you don't miss out on all the fun. It certainly is good to be a Gator!

Warmest Regards;

Rich Wennet, President

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

September 12 North Palm Beach Country Club 6:30pm Social Hour 7:30 pm Business

Next Board of Directors Meeting:

Thursday, September 5 at Tall Tales @ Gander Mountain, North Palm Beach, 7 pm.

We want to attract a new generation of skiers and snowboarders to insure sustainability for our Club.



Check us out on Facebook

It is a fun place to visit. Create your own free Facebook account, then search for Gator Snow Ski Club. You can join the group or just "like us".

It has very nice features to share photos and comments. Share with your friends, spread the word!

Do you know a skier or snowboarder 40 or under?

By resolution of the Board of Directors, Single and Family Members whose principal applicant has a documented age 40 & younger shall be entitled to a non-transferable rebate coupon. The value of the rebate will be 1/2 the cost of a general membership.

The rebate coupon may be applied to any available club trip.

In our thoughts and prayers...

Some of our fellow members are going through some health issues right now. We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to:

Lana Kendall

Paul LaChance

Allan King

We are glad to report that Nancy Rollins is doing well.

Race Captain Needed

Fast skiers: apply for Race Captain for the January FSC trip! The Race Captain must be selected by the Executive Committee of the Club, on recommendation of the Trip Leader. The Race Captain will receive a complimentary five day ski lift ticket. *It may be you...apply!*

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).

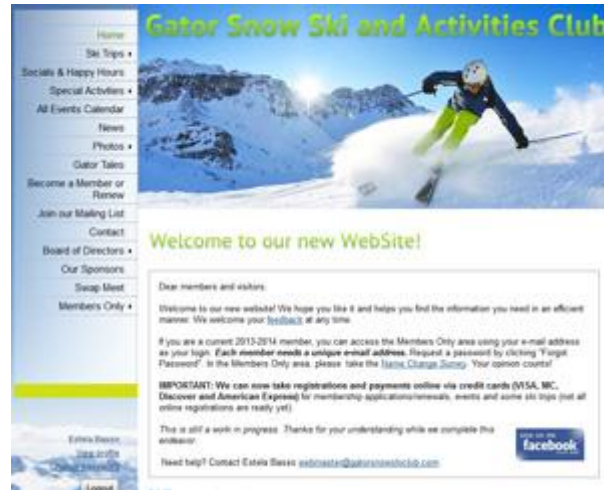
Photo Albums: pictures taken at our events...are you there?

***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 GSSCOTPBATC@wildapricot.org. 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 for help.



Vail, Colorado - Ski Trip

Hello Gators!! It's that time again! We're going to Vail, Co...Dec 7th-14th...we're staying at the 4 star rated Lodge at Vail...

Great accommodations...just steps to the Village Gondola...rentals close by... restaurants and shopping a short walk away...and courtesy transportation to nearby activities.

We'll be offering 2BR/2BA units, or 3BR/3BA units....

The price of this trip is \$1,698.00...includes a 5 out of 6 day lift ticket; Gator pre-trip party; Gator dinner; and Gator apres' skis! We are ready to sign up now. Contact John Paglialungo T 561/965-6935; Cel..561/891-0009 paglialg@comcast.net

Park City, Utah - Ski Trip

A Florida Ski Council Trip

Feb 22 – Mar 1 \$1759 (4 day lift ticket)

The Park City trip includes 7 nights lodging at Shadow Ridge Condos (just across from the lift), roundtrip air from PBI to Salt Lake City, transfers to the resort (a short 35 minute ride), two FSC dinners/parties (great fun) plus a Gator dinner in Park City. This is a Skier's Choice package, meaning

you can ski Park City, Deer Valley AND Canyons—all within a few miles of each other. You can upgrade your lift ticket to 5 out of 6 for another \$53, and even a 6 out of 6 for an additional \$111. Your experienced, fun, well-organized, and savvy trip leaders are: Marie York (lifecoach@yorksolutionsllc.com) & Kathy Salata (kathymalata@gmail.com).

Snowmass, Colorado – Ski Trip

Jan 25 to Feb 1, 2014

This is the big **Florida Ski Council Trip** and that means parties, ski racing, hundreds of Florida skiers at one of the Gator's favorite ski areas! Over 4000' of vertical with 21 lifts to get you up the mountain and 94 trails spread out over 3300 acres to get you down! Elk Camp! High Alpine! Big Burn! Sam's Knob! And a new area called Burnt Mountain Glades! Lots of "après ski" places and live music! Sound familiar to our seasoned skiers? Sound exciting to new skiers? And that is just Snowmass. There is also Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk ski areas close by. Ski in/ski out lodging at the Crestwood Condos, 2 BR/2 BA units. Five day lift ticket with an option for another ski day! Dinner party just for

the Gators. Fly from PBI to Eagle with ground transfer to Snowmass Village.

All the above included for our **full trip price of \$1990** (subject to change)! More information to follow! Fill out your applications and get them to us at the next Club meeting or mail your application and \$200 deposit to our Trip Leader, Everett Barber at 8236 So. Elizabeth Ave., Palm Beach Gardens FL 33418. If you have questions, contact Everett at 561-215-8704 or e-mail to barbever@msn.com. You may also contact Assistant Trip Leader, Cheryl Barnes at 761-749-2992 cheryl2108@aol.com

As The Skis Turn

From your VP Ski Trips, Sheri Agnew



Hello Gators!

Our 2013-2014 Ski Season is IN FULL SWING.

Another great & busy General Meeting was happening this August at the North Palm Beach Country Club! Trip Leader's tables saw lots of activity with Club Skiers signing up for the 6 trips that are currently on sale!

Two changes have occurred to our Ski Season. We have added on the much requested Spring **Break Trip** and will be skiing **Beaver Creek, Colorado**, staying in Arrowhead Village! Trip Leader, Evie Houston is ready to take your registrations, whether it is online with check or credit card, or in the mail. This trip is priced to sell at \$1,785 for 3b/3b or \$1,830 for 2b/2b. Don't wait another month to sign up!

Unfortunately we are losing the **Garmisch, Germany** trip. But not to worry ~ if you really want to see Germany this season, you can use your Florida reciprocity and go with the Ft. Lauderdale Ski Club. We thank our Trip Leaders, Don Chalaire & Terry Sussman for all their hard work in trying to make this a go!

Other trip updates include **Keystone**, who at this time is close to **SELLING OUT!** And lots of activity on the **Adventure trip to Schweitzer/Red Mountain, FSC-Snowmass & FSC-Park City**. Be sure to contact the Trip Leaders ASAP to reserve your spot!! Please go to www.gatorsnowskiclub.com for all the information you need on all our trips. And remember, you can now sign up and pay with your credit card online or sign up and mail in your check. However, your reservation is not

guaranteed until the Trip Leader has your check in hand.

We are also looking forward to our **Gator Snow Gala**, that will be held September 7th, 7 to 10 pm, at the new Lake Pavillion, downtown West Palm Beach, next door to ER Bradley's. This is a free event for our members, thanks in large part to our Sponsors Vail Resorts and Sports America Tours. Come by for appetizers, a cash bar, and the opportunity to meet your ski reps, and sign up for a trip if you haven't already done so!



And if you know of someone that likes to ski, be sure to invite them to check our program & our Club!

WHERE do YOU want to ski in 2015? Yes, we have to start planning that!! FSC is slated for Telluride, Crested Butte & Milan, Italy....do you want to go? OR do you have other places to ski & explore instead? LET ME KNOW!

Until next time, Gator Mates,

Sheri Agnew

VP Ski Trips, (561) 371-1153;

gatorskivp@gmail.com

Keystone, Colorado — Ski Trip

Hey skiers! Do you want to get away and ski inexpensively at one of Colorado's premier resorts? Well, we have the trip for you....KEYSTONE. The dates are Sunday, February 2- Friday, Feb. 7th, and we leave from the Ft. Lauderdale airport right into Denver.

We will be at Keystone with only weekday crowds and no holiday traffic. After a quick one hour bus ride we will arrive at The Inn at Keystone and your skiing dreams will come true!

Our package for flight, hotel at The Inn at Keystone, bus and baggage transfers, four days of skiing and pre-trip party are only \$999.00!

Where on Earth can you find such a deal?

And if all of this isn't good enough for you, your lift ticket to Keystone also includes the other premiere ski resorts of Breckenridge and Vail.

Breckenridge is a short 40 minute free shuttle away, and Vail is only slightly longer. So if you want the flexibility of a great ski trip AND great price, come join us in Keystone. You will be glad you did!

But wait.....we have built in flexibility into this trip. If you don't want to ski all four days or you just want a winter vacation, we have set the trip up for you to ski no days, 2 days, or 3 days. You can't miss with the Keystone trip!

Please contact me, the trip leader for more information: Chris McArdle, 561-575-5587, cell 561-267-5820, or email me at cmcardle0152@gmail.com.

Come on and join us for a great four days of skiing!

Schweitzer-Red Mountain — Ski Trip

Hello to all the Skiers,

Don't miss out on the best trip of this ski season. We have 15 going and 13 spots left. Sign up now before its too late. These are two of the best resorts in North America with unbeatable snow conditions for all level skiers. Schweitzer is the hidden gem of Idaho considered by many to be better than any resort in Colorado, and Red Mountain which was rated at the 8th best place to visit by NY Times of the top 46 places to visit in 2013. With On Line registration available on our website it's easier than ever to sign up.



Call Abe Tessler Trip Leader at 561-633-3551 for more info.

Gator Snow Gala, 7-10 PM, Sat., Sept. 7th

Join us at the new Lake Pavillion in downtown West Palm Beach, 101 S. Flagler Dr. , next to ER Bradley's, This is a free event for our members. Come by for appetizers, a cash bar, and the opportunity to meet



your ski reps, and sign up for a trip if you haven't already done so! And if you know of someone that likes to ski, be sure to invite them to check our program & our Club!



Beaver Creek, Colorado — Spring Break Ski Trip

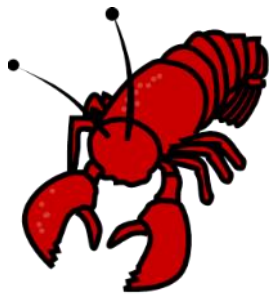
TAKE A BREAK! SPRING BREAK! IN BEAVER CREEK!! Skiing is wonderful in March ~ perfect snow, perfect weather, perfect location! Join us March 15-22, 2014! Where we fly round trip from PBI into Eagle, with a short transfer to the fabulous resort! There are plenty of slopes for all types of skiers, so bring yourself and bring your family for a life time great memories. The quaint town of Beaver Creek is spectacular! Its European flair, snow-free walkways and wonderful restaurants adds more to your awesome ski vacation. Our lodging, located in Arrowhead Village, is ski in and just steps away to ski out. And there is lots of optional activities, too! Beaver Creek treats you like royalty! **DON'T MISS THIS TRIP TO BEAVER**

CREEK. Sign up on line today to reserve your spot!! Priced to sell: \$1,785 for 3b/3b pp or \$1,830 for 2b/2b pp. Contact Trip Leader: Evie Houston @ sgjewelers2@aol.com or [561-762-2628](tel:561-762-2628) today!



Lobster Festival at Panama Hattie's - Sunday, Oct. 20th

Join us October 20, 2013 at 5:00pm



Panama Hattie's
11511 Ellison Wilson Road
Palm Beach Gardens



- \$36.00 for 2 (yes 2) lobsters and 2 sides!!!
- Happy Hour Bar prices for our group all night long!
- Must have your wrist band on your person somewhere.
- Fun Games and Prizes outdoors at the Rum Bar while enjoying a music selection of our own !

Vegas Night & Luau at Betty's House - Sat., Sept. 14th



Not having any fun? You can change your luck! SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14...time of day to be confirmed...tentatively 2 pm. How about a Luau and Vegas Night combined? Try a bit of karaoke - Enjoy the live music - Stop by and enjoy the conversation. Be cool - take a dip in the

pool. Will play various indoor and outdoor games. Dance until the wee hours of the afternoon. FREE to members and their guests. BRING YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE AND A DISH TO SHARE (enough for 6-8 people). Members please RSVP. Call Betty with any questions 561.575.2460.



River Ranch Weekend

Join the Gators for a great time at the Westgate River Ranch dude ranch from November 15th to 17th.

Included in the Club event price of \$72.10* are:

- Friday night party with food, beer and wine,
- Saturday lunch,
- Saturday evening hayride and country dinner, followed by the Rodeo.
- **Lodging is not included in the price.*



Club group discount rates on hotel rooms will be available to members who sign up for the event. Accommodations at different price points are being offered to accommodate both budget and luxury travelers. Campers and RVs are also welcome. Visit our website to download the event flyer and trip application. 35 Gators are already signed up and we have room for more. You can reserve your spot now with a \$25 deposit. For more information, contact **Sharon Long** at wmarussich@comcast.net or by phone at 561-427-6355 or 561-626-0406.

Spring Lake Golf Resort Labor Day Weekend

Spring Lake Golf Resort offers the best values in stay and play golf packages in Florida. Centrally located in the historic town of Sebring, just 60 miles south of Disney World, combines a great climate with small-town atmosphere. It also provides easy access to all other Florida attractions, and it's only 70 miles from both the Gulf and Atlantic beaches.



Bordered by Lake Istokpoga, Florida's 2nd largest freshwater lake, and surrounded by scrub oaks, Spring Lake offers guests the ability to see much of Florida's natural beauty. While the area has remained largely undeveloped, it is very close to shopping, movies, a dinner theater, bowling, Sebring International Raceway, and other recreational activities.

The Aug. 30th - Sept. 2nd package includes: unlimited golf for 4 days with bag storage, cart & green fees, 2 breakfast buffets, 1 lunch and 3 nights lodging. Golfer price: \$257.50 per person for 2 per villa or \$237.50 pp for 4 per villa. Non-golfer price: \$168 pp. There is still time for you to sign up, but please HURRY!!! This fun-filled long weekend is coming soon. Do not miss it...you can now register online and pay with credit card (or send a check). Contact Abe Tessler at 561-633-3551 or audiodesigns@aol.com to reserve your spot.

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

LABOR DAY WEEKEND SPRINGLAKE GOLF RESORT SEBRING, FL

AUG.30 to SEPT. 2 2013

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Unlimited Golf 4 days (Free bag Storage, Cart, Green Fees,)

Two Breakfasts Buffets and One Lunch

Three nights Lodging. There is still time to sign up!
ABE TESSLER AS LEADER - abetessler@gmail.com
(561) 633-3551

BLUE JEAN NIGHT OUT - Sept. 17

Blue Jean Night Out (BJNO) @ Snuggery at 6 PM
Tuesday Sept 17 Tuesday... 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM ?
The Snuggery is located at 2556 PGA Blvd. in Palm
Beach Gardens (SW corner PGA Blvd. & Prosperity
Farms Rd.) Shoot pool , play table shuffle board ,
play some of your favorite songs on the juke-
box, and just have a casual relaxing time. This is a
chance to talk to people without having to shout
over a band..... (Smoking is allowed at this
place.....they have a filtering system and it did not
seem that bad to me.) Please feel to invite others
that may enjoy this activity. I will have a couple of
Pizzas brought in at 6pm as there is a very limited
menu at the Snuggery. You are allowed to bring in
your own food/snacks.... Please bring something if
you plan on eating (THANKS). Bring
\$\$\$ for pool table , jukebox and drinks
etc. THIS HAS BEEN APPROVED AS A GA-
TOR SNOW SKI CLUB SOCIAL
EVENT Please mark your calendars. Hope to
see you there Ben Smith 775-3481 E-mail
bbsdob525@aol

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! WE HAVE A TABLE AT PETER GLENN'S FT. LAUDERDALE SKI & SNOW- BOARD SHOW OCTOBER 11-13

2013 Come for free - donate an hour or
two and see the sales with wall climbing , ski
machine, and bounce in the house of fun.

Call or email

Conniemenagh@yahoo.com (561) 329-0122



Thanks, Ben, for the great time snorkeling
under the Blue Heron Bridge...

LEISURE BIKE RIDE - Oct. 12

Bicycling
with Ben Smith will be starting up again.
The first Leisure Bike Ride will be at Okee-
heelee Park on Saturday Oct. 12. Meet up
at 10:00 AM in at the Nature Center (follow
the signs), 7715 West Forest Hill Blvd. ,
West Palm Beach

Come to our Social and Special Activities Planning Meeting:

Monday, September 9th at 7 pm at Tall Tales (inside Gander Mountain)

Social Activities *From VP of Socials, Betty Williams*

Welcome all new members! Come join us for our social meetings the first Monday of the Month. The next Social Meeting is September 9, 2013 at Gander Mountain.

Many thanks to all those volunteers who make my job a pleasure. We need all those interested in the **Christmas Pageant** (December 14) to sign up today or go online. Seats are limited! It includes ticket, bus fare, and dinner at a Japanese restaurant. \$98.

The same is true for the **Daytona 500** (February 12-13, 2014) . I only have 12 rooms reserved (& only 8 rooms left) So sign up today.

Vegas Night and Luau Party will start at 2 PM on September 14 at my house. This event is free for members. Bring your favorite beverage and a dish to share. Please RSVP.

Blue Jean Night Out on September 17 at the Snuggery at 2556 PGA Blvd. at 6 PM. Wear your Gator name tags, beads and apparel.

The **Halloween Disney trip** will be September 20-21st, 2013. We have 10 rooms reserved so get signed up. We have many trips and outings so check the website! Cost \$ 124.

Lobster Festival will be on October 20th at Panama Hattie's. Price will be \$36 for 2 lobsters & 2 sides. Happy hour drink prices, music, dancing, games and prizes.

We have lots, lots more going on. Check our WebSite. See you at Happy Hour.

God Bless You All!

Betty Williams, VP Social Activities

UPCOMING

HAPPY HOURS

Tall Tales - Happy Hour

06 Sept 2013

Tall Tales at Gander Mountain

100 Gander Way

Palm Beach Gardens

Mondo's - Happy Hour

20 Sept 2013

713 Us Highway 1
North Palm Beach FL
33408

The Brass Tap- Happy Hour

27 Sept 2013

550 S. Rosemary Ave.
#158 West Palm
Beach, FL 33401

Come to our Social and Special Activities Planning Meeting:

Monday, September 9th at 7 pm at Tall Tales (inside Gander Mountain)

September 2013 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<u>Labor Day</u> <u>Weekend Golf</u>				<u>Meeting of the Board of Direc-</u>	<u>Tall Tales- Happy Hour</u>	<u>Ski Party Extravaganza (FREE)</u>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	<u>Social and Special Activities Planning Meeting</u>			<u>General Membership Meeting (TIME CHANGED! 1/2 HOUR EARLIER)</u>	Village Tavern- <u>Happy Hour</u> Confirmed	<u>Vegas Night and Luau Party at Betty's</u>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		<u>Blue Jeans Night Out (BJNO)</u>			<u>Disney Halloween Adventure</u>	<u>Disney Halloween Adventure</u>
					<u>Mondo's- Happy Hour</u>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<u>Disney Halloween Adventure</u>					<u>The Brass Tap- Happy Hour</u>	
29	30	Oct 1	2	3	4	5
					<u>Happy Hour - TBD</u>	

Treasurer's Report

A note from your Treasurer, Walter Marussich

Gators:

Our new website continues to be an invaluable tool. Over 40% of our net income is now derived from Gators signing up for activities via the website and we are also able to reach new members from distant places.

On Dec 2011, your board of directors amended policy #18 whereby the club reserve was changed from \$10 per person to a minimum of \$10 per person. That is, more than \$10 could be tacked to your cost (some events) for "reserves". Our Board recently visited policy #18 and amended it (July 2013) so that if the amount budgeted for the reserve is larger than \$10, then you must be informed. Last year Club reserves were \$20 per person per ski trip. Note that many Social events do not budget a club reserve.

Walter

Gator Snow Ski & Activities Club

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