

GATOR TALES



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President's Message -

Hey Gators! Well it's June and the summer is upon us. I would like to open this month's message on a somber note. As many of you may know June Nash was hospitalized last month with some serious health issues and I would like to report she has made remarkable strides and with our

hopes and prayers hopefully should enjoy a full recovery. I know June is well on her way as she was running the Social Committee from her physical therapy.

As you are reading this a new Board of Directors will have taken the Gator helm, as follows: Sheri Agnew – VP Ski Trips; Betty Williams – VP Socials; Connie Flow – VP Special Activities; Tammy Walkoff – Secretary; Pam Strickland – Member at Large. Rounding out (no pun intended) the Board will be the old (pun intended) reliables: Walter Marussich-Treasurer; Bruce Holtzman – Past President; Paul LaChance – Past President Liaison; and Yours truly.

Now, on to something near and dear to all Gators and that would be (drum roll please) . . . Happy Hours! Super Duper Ones! Take the Happy Hour at Carmines Ocean Grill. There must have been over 50 Gators present, enjoying half price drinks, free sushi, and other delectable tidbits. An awesome time was had by all at a very high class and beautiful restaurant overlooking the yachts of Soveril Marina. A big thanks to Letti Falko who brought the Gator sign and recruitment cards, and a super big thanks to Daper David Schue for scheduling and organizing all our Happy Hours!

I would like to close with a HUGE thank you to some of the unsung, but not under-appreciated Gators who constantly give of themselves for the good of the club. Meryl Hartman organized and lead the Gator Float and contingent in the North Palm Beach Heritage Day Parade. Ann Ganzel was chairperson for the Red, White and Blue Chili Cookoff. Ben Smith arranges all of the Leisure Bike Rides. Allen Trefry provides the warm and happy welcome for all meetings, complete with name tags and chocolates.

And lastly, to all of you who make our club the happy fun loving group we are!

Warmest regards, *Rich Wennet, President*

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Social Committee Meeting: Monday, June 3rd

Tall Tales at Gander Mountain 7:00 pm

Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday, June 4th

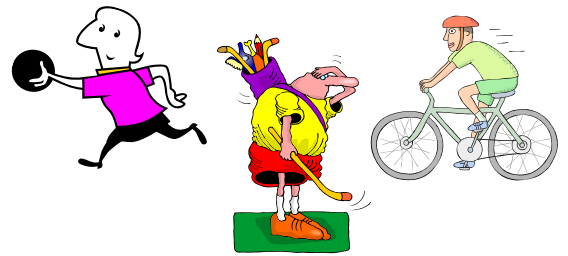
Pam Strickland Residence, 3939 N Ocean Drive, Singer Island

Ski Trip Leader Sign Up Meeting: Thursday, June 6th

Duffy's at Oakbrook Square 6:00 pm

Special Activities

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Grand Canyon Rafting

June 5th - 13th, 2013



16 lucky Gators will be heading out on a Grand Canyon Rafting Adventure on June 5th! As you read this, they will be enjoying the thrills and chills of white water rafting, as well as sleeping under the stars! They will have many stories and photos to share!

Upcoming events include:

Happy Hour of Bowling July 12 at Verdes Tropicana and 13th Annual Labor Day Weekend Golf Outing . If you are interested in leading one of these events, or another event, contact VP Special Activities, Connie Flow, at 561-329-0122 or email her at conniemenagh@yahoo.com.

AUGUST 10 2013—Phil Foster Park, 900 East Blue Heron Blvd

Meet up with 'Ben Smith' about 11:20 AM for some snorkeling around and under the bridge. Look for the pirate flag. Bring your own chairs and tables and we can hang out in the shade under the bridge. High tide at 11:20 so there is a window of 1hr to snorkel before tide turns.

Provide your own beverage, food, snorkel gear, dive flag, etc.

A raft up party is being put together for this summer, and let's do the Lobster Fest. again. YUM YUM.

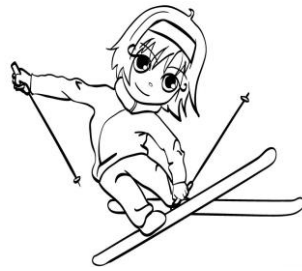
"CONGRATULATIONS" to " ANNE SCOGGINS" AT OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PICNIC FOR WINNING THE 50/50 RAFFLE.

For updates on all events & trips, check out

www.gatorsnowskiclub.com

So much more than just a ski club!

As The Skis Turn



Hello Gators!

Wow! I'm sending out my first letter to you as your new Ski VP! I am so excited to be helping our Club and look forward to working for all of you crazy & fun-filled skiers!

Yes, it IS getting HOT, HOT, HOT ~ but think SNOW, SNOW, SNOW!! We will be presenting to you a list of trips with a wide variety for every-body, every ski-ability and price range!

Currently on the ski roster is a luxury trip to Vail & a no-frills, inexpensive (finally!) trip to Keystone, Colorado. We have a unique split trip to Schweitzer, Idaho & Red Mountain, BC for our "adventure skiers" ~ and Florida Ski Council trips to Snowmass, Colorado & Park City, Utah for those of you that love the large group & party, party, atmosphere!

Our FSC Trip Leaders this year for Snowmass will be **Everett Barber**, and for Park City, **Trip Leader is Marie York, with Assistant, Kathy Salata!**

PLUS the first trip **ON SALE NOW** for our lovers of European travel is ~ FSC Garmisch, Germany with a three day extension to Munich, led by Trip Leader: Don Chalaire. The base price for this trip is currently \$2,800, and we ARE taking applications and a \$200 deposit! You can reach Don at (561) 714-3528 or donchal@comcast.net for all the specifics on what is going to be a fabulous trip to Germany! And the rest of our trips will be available on line soon!

Looking ahead, we are actively recruiting Trip Leaders & Assistants to lead the rest of the above trips. The Trip Leader Application Meeting will be on June 6th, at 6 pm at the Duffy's, Oakbrook Square in Juno Beach. If you have been an active member for the past year, and would like to apply to be an Assistant, or if you have been an active member for the past two years and a past Assistant, and would like to apply to be a Leader, I look forward to you joining us for this meeting! You may reach me at gatorskivp@gmail.com for more information.

NEW! Have trip ideas? But you don't want to lead or assist, **but would like to be part of the ski program?** Contact me if you are interested in working with the Trip Committee. You must have been a past Leader or Assistant.

As soon as we have all our Leaders & Assistants in place trips will go on sale immediately, so remember to check in to the Gator FaceBook page for continual updates and information on your 2013-2014 Ski Season!! And if you are not familiar with FaceBook, now is a great time to explore this fun social medium for all the updates on your Trips, Gator friends and Club activities.

I would love to hear your ideas & any feedback you would like to share!

Until next time, Gator Mates,

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GATOR SNOW SKI & ACTIVITIES CLUB SKI TRIPS



GARMISCH, GERMANY (Florida Ski Council European Trip) March 8-14, 2014

Garmisch is a fabulous European destination for the GATORS. There is plenty of skiing and day trips with sightseeing with an abundance of restaurants and pubs mixed in. The full name of the area is Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

Upon arrival into Munich, we will bus directly to Garmisch for an orientation tour of the two villages. We will visit the Classic Ski Area, where we can also take care of the ski rentals and pass by each of the FSC hotels so that everyone will have a better idea of where they are in proximity to the village, their hotel and the ski areas. Many of us are doing a post trip extension to Munich. If not doing the post trip extension, we can do a day tour there from Garmisch.

Skiing: Access to skiing is within 15-20 minutes of our hotel using the ski bus or train. There two different ski areas. The 'Classic' area will provide adequate skiing for two full days. Garmisch's biggest ski draw is the Zugspitze, the highest point in Germany. It is accessed by a scenic cogwheel train or cable car and enjoyable in itself. The top views are fabulous.

Ski area Garmisch-Classic

- Scene of FIS Ski World Championships 2011 and annual FIS Ski World Cup Race with famous Kandahar Slope“
- 3 connected ski mountains with about 25 miles (40 km) of slopes
- Altitude of 2,297 – 6,725 feet (700 – 2,050 m)
- 3 cable cars
- 13 lifts, 5 snow-covered ski runs into the valley

Ski area Glacier Zugspitze

- Highest mountain of Germany with about 10,000 feet (almost 3,000 m)
- Highest ski area of Germany
- The only glacier of Germany
- Glacier ski area with about 15 miles (22 km) of

Hotel: Our lodging is a 4 star hotel with ample Bavarian flavor, an experience of genuine Bavarian ambiance. Bring your 220V adapters. A full breakfast at the hotel every day is included.

Day Trips: Some day trips are close by. Tour and hike to the top of the Olympic Ski Jump. Walk through the Partnach Gorge, very impressive. The path is cut down inside the gorge and is very narrow in places. It is possible to arrive by horse drawn carriage and a nice restaurant is nearby for lunch. Both these are right in Garmisch. Other day trips by bus include Oberammergau, the Passion Play Theater, Ettal Monastery, King Ludwig's Linderhof Castle, Neuschwanstein, Munich and more. Non-skiers would have plenty to do with multiple options.

Extension Trip Option: After visiting Bavaria, an optional trip to Munich or Berlin.

Garmisch will be a great place to revive the Europe trips for the GATORS & FSC!

Contact Trip Leader: Don Chalaire , 561-714-3528 donchal@comcast.net

Dear Gators,

Most of you have heard by now I had a major Stroke on April 22, my recovery has come along faster than the doctors expected. I am sure because of all your prayers and get well wishes. I consider you all my family and the out pouring of concern and love has been overwhelming and humbling. The flowers and cards are still coming so every day is another wonderful surprise that brightens my days and encourages me to keep working at my therapy so I can return to all our wonderful adventures.

My Social Committee stepped up to help with the membership picnic and made it another wonderful fun afternoon. We signed up new members and old members rejoined in record numbers.

You're new and past board stepped in and worked like dogs to make everyone's day great. The new Social VP. Betty Williams decorated and ran around organizing like no other. I am sure she will keep all of you entertained in the near future. My regret is I was not able to help it was so strange to just sit and watch every one else work. Those that know me well knew it was hard to just sit. Thanks to all for the help.

I will be in touch with all that wished me well on a personal level the list is long but I intend to keep in touch. As soon as I am able I will be back at helping keep our club going with fun things to do. If you have not participated much in our social events you have missed some great fun so get going and make sure you meet as many of my Gator Family as you can they made me well by their prayers and constant attention there are no better people anywhere.

Love you all, June Nash, VP Socials

Socials Page

VP Socials—Betty Williams
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Annual Membership Picnic—Sunday, May 19th

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE MEMBERSHIP PICNIC.

I WISH TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO GENE BONDONESE FOR USING HIS COOKER AND TIM KUHN FOR THE WONDERFUL HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS AND BAKE BEANS. THANK YOU TO ALLWHO HELPED COOK

I ALSO WANT TO THANK CONNIE AND RAY, PAM AND E.T., MIKE, MARTHA, AND ALL THOSE WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED DECORATE AND TO KATHY SZARMACH FOR SLICING TOMATOES AND ONIONS. ALSO I WANT TO THANK HARRY AND BARB AND THEIR COMMITTEE FOR WORKING THE MEMBERSHIP TABLE.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT OUR FIRST SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON JUNE 3RD. AT GANDER MOUNTAIN. SEE YOU THERE. THANKS AGAIN.

BETTY WILLIAMS (GOD BLESS)

Gator Happy Hours for June:

Join your Gator friends on Fridays to celebrate “Happy Hour”

May 31st - Tapa 210, 210 Ocean Ave in Lantana

June 7th - Red Tapas Bar & Grill, 11701 Lake Victoria Gardens, Palm Beach Gardens

June 14th - Two Drunken Goats, Singer Island

June 21st - PF Chang’s China Bristro, at the Gardens Mall, PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens

June 28th - Taboo, Palm Beach

July 5th - Grumpy Grouper, Lantana



We would like to thank David Schue for the great job he does!

Thank you for all the wonderful places we’ve been and all your hard work & time you’ve put in for the Gators! “KUDOS! GREAT JOB!” Now we need a new “Happy Hour Leader”. Anyone interested in this fun pursuit, please step up to the bar (or a Board Member) so we can keep on smiling!

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CHECK WEB SITE FOR DATES
 AND TIMES for all events:
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NEXT GATOR SNOW SKI & ACTIVITIES CLUB Membership Meeting
Thursday, June 13th - North Palm Beach Country Club
7:00 pm Social time - Sign ups 8:00 Meeting
June, 2013 Calendar of Events

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
May 26	27	28	29	30	31 Happy Hour Tapas 210 Lantana	June 1st
2	3 Social Com- mittee Meeting at Tall Tales	4 Board Meeting 7:00 pm at Pam Strickland's Home	5	6 Ski Trip Leader Signup Meeting	7 Happy Hour Red Tapas Bar & Grill, Palm Bch Gardens	8
9	10	11	12	13 General Membership Meeting North Palm Beach CC	14 Happy Hour Two Drunken Goats, Singer Island	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Happy Hour PF Chang's Chi- na Bristro, the Gardens Mall	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Happy Hour Taboo Palm Beach	29

IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES

Board meeting, Tuesday, July 2nd at 7:00 pm Location to be determined
 Membership Meeting Thursday, July 11th 7:00 pm Social & Signups 8:00 pm Meeting

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