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President's Message -

Hey Gators: I feel good, I knew that would. I feel fine, all of the time! So Good . . . So Good cause I got you (James Brown) and I have one more year to be President. Now I know many of you must think I'm nuts, having witnessed some Membership and Board Meetings, but let me share. Do you remember my pitiful cry for hugs in last month's message? Well, La Dee Dah! Ask and it shall be granted. Do you have any idea how many awesome hugs I have received in a mere 30 days? Almost too many to remember. Except for Jimmy Neumann and Tim Kuhn! I guess, they are becoming kinder & gentler in their doterage.

On to Gator news: The Bylaw Amendments were voted down and congratulations to Walter Marussich on his re-election as Treasurer. A great big thank you to Susan Fines for all of the thankless hours she has devoted to the club running our Ski Program. Many of you do not know how difficult it is to plan and execute all of our ski trips. I have learned much from Susan, and she is always there to lend a helping hand or a word of encouragement. Susan, you are a great lady and it was a pleasure working with you!

Congratulations to David Schue and his Elections Committee, Paul "The General" LaChance, Kathy Bondonese, Jan Hartog, and Gail Paglialungo for conducting a flawless election. Outstanding Job and Thanks!!

If anyone has nothing else to do, ie retired like me, and is a computer wise, then you should contact me and ask to be the next Communication Director. If anyone is great with people, has a dazzling personality and can sell ice in the winter, then call me concerning Membership Director. Lastly, if you need someone to talk to then call ET Strickland and experience his sensitivity and patience.

Well, that's all for now folks (Porky Pig) I'm done; however don't fret, because "I'll be back" (Arnold) next month. Remember, It's good to be a Gator!

Warmest regards, *Rich Wennet, President*

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Annual Membership Picnic

Moose Lodge Pavillion

Sunday, May 19th

Noon to 4:00 pm (food served Noon to 2 pm)

There will be food, music and dancing, and lots of fun!

(See Socials page for details)





Very Special Activities

Vince Pulcini VP Special Activities

Prices and Itinerary subject to change



Grand Canyon Rafting

June 5th - 13th, 2013

Only a month to go!! Trip is filled and we are ready to launch . Trip includes: Air from WPB to Las Vegas. An overland adventure from Las Vegas Nevada to Lee's Ferry, Arizona. 7 days/6 nights on a Colorado River Expedition. An awesome helicopter ride out of the canyon to the Bar 10 Ranch for our overnight ranch adventure. Flight from Bar 10 Ranch to Las Vegas. This is 9 days/8 nights all inclusive trip. See the Gator website for flyer & application Contact: Lin Lambert @ 561-622-5971 or email her at Canyontripleader@comcast.net.

Stay in contact with me you just never know what the next month can bring!!

Gator Happy Hours for May:

Join your Gator friends on Fridays to celebrate Happy Hour

May 3rd - The Grumpy Grouper, Lake Park

May 10th - Dirty Martini, Downtown at the Gardens, Palm Bch Gardens**

May 17th - Carmine's Ocean Grill, PGA Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens

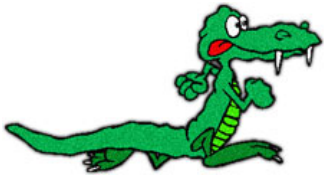
May 24th - Tall Tales, At Gander Mountain, behind Home Depot on Sandtree Drive, just off North Lake and I95

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



** Please join us on May 10th for a special Happy Hour with our friends from WRMF Radio! They will have special announcements for us and help us promote our upcoming Membership Picnic!

So much more than just a ski club!



June's Socials Page

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The Progressive Dinner and Bonnette Banquet were both very successful and fun events! Thanks to all the people who helped make them possible: Bruce Mitchell, Nancy Rollins, Gene & Kathy Bondonese, Ann Ganzel, Susan Belgard, Denise Mills, Jerilyn Hansen, Jimmy Neumann, and Tim Kuhn. I am sure there are others who helped so a big Gator Thank you to Everyone!

Annual Membership Picnic—Sunday, May 19th

at the Pavilion at the Moose Lodge off Burns Road in Palm Beach Gardens. Noon to 4:00 pm, with food served Noon to 2:00 pm. You current and new Board members will be serving you hotdogs with all the sides and extras, plus a very affordable cash bar. There will be music and dancing, with “the Pulse” providing all your musically favorites!

Event is free to members who renew or sign up at the meeting. Guests are \$10 which will be applied to their membership fee if they sign up at the picnic.

Make sure you sign up early if you renew your membership before the picnic you will receive a free drink.

(The new Membership application is included in this newsletter)

Volunteers Needed: Have you heard the news? Your new Board is looking to fill two director positions to work with us, starting June 1st!

The first is a new Communications Director to help with getting the word out about our great Club via our Newsletter, FaceBook & Web-site!! Qualifications needed for this position are proficient computer & software experience, and a willingness to volunteer your time & talent to your Club. The position will take a few hours a month, however, you will have the help & support of your Board in helping you!!

The second position is the Membership Director. This person is directly responsible for accepting and processing the applications for membership and maintaining the Club's membership data base. Computer skills & data base experience is a must.

Please come forward! Your Club needs your time & talent!! Call or email our President, Rich Wennet at (561) 776-7729 or rwennet@gmail.com.

GATOR SNOW SKI & ACTIVITIES CLUB SKI TRIPS



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

Garmisch will be a fabulous European destination for the GATORS and the FSC. Turns out, Garmisch has it all. There is plenty of shopping to appease lookers and buyers with an abundance of restaurants and pubs mixed in. The full name of the area is Garmisch-Partenkirchen. In the Partenkirchen area, there is a pedestrian street named Ludwigstrasse that captures a feeling of authentic Bavaria.

Upon arrival into Munich, we will visit Airbraeu (the 1st Airport Brewery in the World) for breakfast. It will be a great way to start the trip. A 2010 report showed that Germany ranked second in the world terms of per-capita beer consumption. After breakfast, we will board our bus, head to Garmisch and arrive in less than 2 hours.

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 is not huge but 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. The top is a great option for skiers to say; "I skied the tallest mountain in Germany" and non-skiers to say, "I was there, had lunch, drank beer and watched the skiers slide by."

Hotels: 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 Berlin. Berlin ranks as one of the most visited cities in Europe. We will do a walking tour of the historical area including the Brandenburg Gate and Berlin wall, an excellent, concise history lesson. Also, walking tours to 'Check Point Charlie' and the museum are a must for any visitor. There are countless museums and memorials in Berlin to give trippers numerous options. Many club members have never been to Berlin and will be excited to explore history that was made during their own lives. Berlin is both thought provoking, moving and changes one's perspective once you become more familiar with its past.

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

Congratulations to the new Officers for 2013-2014:

President: Rich Wennet

Vice President—Ski Trips: Sheri Agnew

Vice President—Special Activities: Connie Flow

Vice President—Socials—Betty Williams

Treasurer: Walter Marussich

Secretary: Tammy Walkoff

Member At Large: Pam Strickland



Susan's Ski Scoop



What's up for 2013 to 2014 ski season? December 2013, early Vail Trip (Date to be determined); January Florida Ski Council Trip, (1-25-14 to 2-1-14) Snowmass; February Florida Ski Council Trip (2-22-14 to 3-1-14) Park City; Schweitzer, Idaho & Red Mountain, British Columbia, Canada (date to be determined); Florida Ski Council European trip to Garmisch, Germany (date to be determined); Front range Colorado ski trip, 5 days to ski and home again, (looking for a reduced price quick trip to a great ski mountain) All of this is in the works, keep reading our Gator Tales for more details as the year progresses, we are still in the planning stages and if you would like to give me some input please call me.

Next month you will have a new VP of Ski Trips. I will be really glad I don't have to write any more articles, finally this is my last one! Please let the new VP know your ski wishes!! The new officers said they want the members to have more free events (not sure what this means but I know I will be looking for free stuff!!) Also, look for more committee work, they hope to develop committees consisting of both board and non-board members to assist in all aspects of the clubs functions. They are also planning quarterly round-table discussions, hope you will participate. See you on the slopes!!

For more information, please feel free to contact me directly at smfines@att.net.

Or call me at 772-340-0001

Be in the loop and get the SKI SCOOP

Susan Fines, VP Ski Trips



For updates on all of the current events and trips

Check out our website:

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NEXT GATOR SNOW SKI & ACTIVITIES CLUB Membership Meeting
Thursday, May 9th - North Palm Beach Country Club
7:00 pm Social time - Sign ups 8:00 Meeting
May, 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>
April 28th	29	30 Board Meeting 7:00 pm at Tall Tales	MAY 1st	2	May 3rd Happy Hour Grumpy Group-er Lake Park	4
5	6	7	8	9 General Membership Meeting North Palm Beach CC	10 Happy Hour Dirty Martini, Downtown at the Gardens, PBG	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Happy Hour Carmine's Ocean Grill, PGA Blvd Palm Bch Grdns	18
19 Annual Membership Picnic (See Socials page or details)	20	21	22	23	24 Happy Hour Tall Tales at Gander Mtn No Lake & I-95	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Happy Hour Tapas 210 Lantana	June 1st FSC Meetings Mission Inn

IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES

Board meeting, Tuesday, June 4th at 7:00 pm Location to be determined
 Membership Meeting Thursday, June 13th 7:00 pm Social & Signups 8:00 pm Meeting

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