



# GATOR TALES

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## President's Message

# Hello Gators!



**Happy Holidays**

I hope you enjoyed the holidays with your loved ones!

This new year brings some new and exciting changes to our monthly General Meetings. With help from our Past President, Sharon Long, the Club has secured a new home at the Best Western Plus on U.S. One just South of PGA Boulevard in Palm Beach Gardens.

The Best Western Plus is also the home of a wonderful Italian restaurant, La Fontana. The owner is very excited to be working with our Club, and we very much look forward to this long term relationship.

The January General Meeting will be held on the third Thursday of the month, January 17, 2019. We will return to our normal second Thursday of the month in February,

on Valentine's Day.

This change in venue will allow us to do more for our members, and I'm sure you will find La Fontana to be a new, favorite place to dine.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 17<sup>th</sup>!



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Until next month,

**Live well, Love much, and Laugh often!**

Patti Bochniak

# new location!

### Next General Membership Meeting:

Thursday, January 17, 2019 at the **Best Western Plus**, 6:30 PM Social Hour; 7:30 PM Business

### Next Board of Directors Meeting:

Thursday, January 3, 2019 at the Double Tree Hotel, Palm Beach Gardens, 7:00 PM



# January 2019

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|              | <p>1</p>  | <p>2</p>  | <p>3</p>  <p>7:00 PM<br/>Board Meeting<br/>Doubletree</p> | <p>4</p>  <p>5:00 PM<br/>Happy Hour<br/>Sailfish Marina</p>                           | <p>5</p>  <p>Ben's<br/>Bike Ride<br/>Jupiter Farms</p>     |  |
| <p>6</p>  | <p>7</p>  | <p>8</p>  | <p>9</p>  | <p>10</p> <p>membership mtg date<br/>moved this month only</p>   | <p>11</p>  <p>5:00 PM<br/>Happy Hour<br/>Renegades</p>     | <p>12</p>  <p>VAIL<br/>DEPARTS</p>                          |
| <p>13</p>   | <p>14</p>  | <p>15</p> | <p>16</p>   | <p>17</p>  <p>6:30 PM<br/>General<br/>Membership<br/>Meeting</p> <p>best western</p> | <p>18</p>  <p>5:00 PM<br/>Happy Hour<br/>Pizza Girls</p> | <p>19</p>  <p>VAIL<br/>RETURNS</p>                        |
| <p>20</p> <p>Join Us!</p>   | <p>21</p> <p>6:45 PM<br/>Socials Mtg.<br/>Duffy's</p>   | <p>22</p> | <p>23</p>   | <p>24</p>  | <p>25</p>  <p>5:00 PM<br/>Happy Hour<br/>Two Drunken</p> | <p>26</p>  <p>BIG SKY &amp;<br/>3 VALLEYS<br/>DEPARTS</p> |
| <p>27</p>  | <p>28</p>   | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p>   | <p>31</p>    |    |  |

# GATOR ANNOUNCEMENTS



## PRINTED DIRECTORY

By popular demand, the Board is working on a printed directory of our members. PLEASE make sure your information and privacy settings are correct.

[View or download/print these step by step instructions](#) on how to update your contact information and privacy settings.

please note:



BEGINNING JANUARY 2019  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS  
WILL BE HELD AT THE BEST  
WESTERN PLUS IN PALM BEACH  
GARDENS ON U.S. HWY ONE.

Dear Members:  
If you would like to make a payment for a ski trip with a credit card, please notify your trip leader and an invoice will be created for you to pay online. You can request to pay an installment or the full balance of your account.  
(Invoices are created by the Event Comptroller per request of the Trip Leaders.)  
From Communications Team



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HERE**

Did you know you can advertise in this newsletter for as little as \$10?

**SEE PAGE 9 FOR DETAILS**

## THINKING OF YOU

Our thoughts and prayers are with the following Gators who are struggling with health issues at this time:

**ROSEMARY DALY**

**EVIE HOUSTON**

**BRUCE WARE**



# Ski Trips *From VP of Ski Trips, Carol Pattison*

## On the Slopes



Time is running out for anyone not signed up and wanting to go on a Gator ski trip in 2019. Breckenridge may be able to get one additional condo but only has two weeks to finalize all condos and air. Winter Park still has space, but their deadlines will be coming up in the next month. If you want to ski with the Gators and haven't secured your seat, do so now or lose out for the 2019 season.

Now, a bit of advice: If you haven't skied in awhile and haven't been working out regularly, don't wait to get started. Most of us aren't as young as we want to be and need to really work out to be ready for ski season. Don't think you can decide to start working out a month before your trip. You won't be happy with your experience. Skiing isn't just a young person's sport, but as we age, it gets harder to keep in shape. I know many 80+ skiers and they can outski me. I once set up a group of friends to ski with the Jackson Hole representative. There were about eight of us. When we stopped for a minute, I asked John (the rep) how old he was and he said 34. I then asked of the group, Gene, how old he was. He said 82. Never did we have to stop and wait for Gene. No one would ever take him for being an octogenarian! No excuse – get out there and do the work to have a great trip.

Believe it or not, I am working on the 2020 trips and have a tentative list. I would like to know your interests in the trips and whether you would entertain going on them. I can't give you many details or prices but will be able to in the next couple of months. Here's the list not necessarily in order:

- Snowmass FSC Trip Approved
- Stowe Vermont – Sunday to Friday Trip (especially for never-ever skiers who want to give it a try)
- Telluride – Ski-in Ski-out mid-mountain lodging
- Whitefish, MT FSC Trip Approved
- Park City – Checking Lodging
- Zermatt, Switzerland – FSC Under Consideration

Other considerations:

Mt Bachelor, OR – Boutique type trip with all suite hotel lodging in the heart of Bend, OR

Banff, Alberta, Canada – Hotel lodging and expensive  
We are planning on five domestic trips and one European.

This club is for the members and we want to give you the trips you will go on. I would appreciate hearing from the skiers about what trips they are interested in. We would like to have the schedule of trips and preliminary budgets completed by the end of February. This will allow us to select trip leaders. We would like to have a list of trips approved and then ask for trip leaders to apply for the trips they might like to lead. As the VP Ski Trips, I would like to give everyone a chance to apply to be a trip leader and not do it on a one trip at a time basis.

A note for all participants on Gator trips, it is extremely important for you to make your payments in a timely manner. The Gators are a not-for-profit all volunteer club. We are unable to sustain our trips unless participants make their payments prior to the payment dates to vendors. We are unable to carry people who decide to make their payments on their own schedule. If you do so, you may be subject to removal from the trip and be charged penalties. We have a schedule of payments to vendors and the participants' payments are scheduled to be prior to these deadlines. Most people are excellent in making timely payments, but some require the trip leaders to email, call and beg for payments. This is unfair to the trip leader. They are not credit collectors and are volunteers. As a trip leader, their benefit equals about \$2.50 an hour. They do a terrific job of leading trips and should not be taken advantage of. Remember, we are not travel agents and are a volunteer club. Your trip is a group trip and the trip leader cannot and will not act as your personal travel agent. Sorry to have to write the above, but our trip leaders are just trying to do their job and should not have to take abuse from their participants and be collection people.

Now, our ski season begins this month with the first trip to Vail. I think we have a great schedule and I am committed to having every trip leader give their people the best trip possible.

**WORK OUT! SKI SAFE! HAVE FUN! AND COME BACK FOR MORE!**



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# SKI TRIPS

## vail

Vail, known as "Like Nothing on Earth" is where thirty-three Gators are headed right after the first of the year. Vail is known as one of the premiere ski resorts on the North American continent and our accommodations will be at the luxurious landmark property condos in Lionshead. During the day we will be skiing in one of Vail's three main areas: the front side, Blue Sky Basin, and the seven back bowls. Vail currently has a solid base of 50" with snowfall predicted for every single day in the upcoming week. And if skiing on the third largest skiable mountain isn't enough, by night we will be exploring, eating, and partying in the Bavarian Village by night. Aren't you just a little envious you aren't going?

## big sky

**January 26 – February 2, 2019 Big Sky, Montana Florida Ski Council Ski Trip (42 Spots) Trip Leader: Lee Chitty**

**SOLD OUT.** Our only FSC domestic trip for 2019 is to Big Sky, Montana, a spectacular place. The trip is 7 nights lodging at the Huntley Lodge (double occupancy) which is Ski-in, Ski-out and includes a daily breakfast buffet. Air is round trip to Bozeman with ground transfers from Bozeman airport to the resort. The Huntley is a short walk to the Mountain Mall. A 5 day lift ticket is included (a 6th day lift ticket is an option) as are parties and more parties: Pre-trip party, 2 FSC Dinners, FSC mountain lunch, Gator dinner and Après Ski (Happy Hours). Of course, the annual Race for the Florida Cup will take place at Big Sky and everyone will receive a club bandana and a major dose of fun. The price is \$2,185\* and is available for WAIT LIST ONLY. Contact the trip leader, Lee Chitty at 561-315-2097 or [LChitty@comcast.net](mailto:LChitty@comcast.net)

## france

**January 25 – February 5, 2019 Three Valley, France (42 Spots) Trip Leader: Kelly Lunsford**

Brides Les Bains (Three Valleys) is the world's largest ski resort, plus 3 nights in Paris. What a great trip! The trip is 7 nights at the Hotel Amelie with breakfast included along with a gourmet dinner at the hotel. In addition is 3 nights lodging at 4-\* Paris Hotel including breakfast. Round trip air is Swiss Air from Miami and private motor coach from Brides Les Bains to Paris. An optional 6 day ski pass is available (approximately \$350) and "over 70" years of age ski pass free. Optional side trip to Annecy, France by bus. There is a pre-trip party, Club dinner, Apres Ski, portorage, taxes and fees, and Gator bandana. The price is \$2,495\* and is WAIT LIST ONLY. Contact the trip leader, Kelly Lunsford at 561-626-5473.

## taos

Wanna ski Taos in 2019? You'd better sign-up fast, since we only have a few spots remaining!

Highlights of skiing Taos include:

Great price - \$1,850 including air, ski-in/ski-out condo, and 5-day lift ticket (plus lots of other perks listed here: <https://gsscotpbatc.wildapricot.org/Taos-New-Mexico-Ski-Trip>)

Taos Snowsports Week – the only full week program available in North America. Price - \$225. What you get: 6 consecutive 2-hour morning sessions. Innovative technique and tactics include video analysis, and technical discussions of modern skiing and biomechanics. You won't believe how well you'll ski and ride at the end of your week.

Contact trip leader Patti Bochniak (561-758-9796) or assistant trip leader Ellen Joseph (954-242-1200) for more information.

# SKI TRIPS

## Snowmass

It's been snowing in Colorado and our ski trip to Snowmass is looking better and better! "Think Snow" must be working!!

**BULLETIN: We have an opening for a single female to join our trip!** Are you the person for that opening? If so, please contact Everett Barber, 561-215-8704, now before the opportunity for this great trip is filled!

The base price for the trip was reduced to \$1990 and great discounts are being given for senior lift tickets so this trip is an even better value than originally announced. The final payments are due 12/15. We've been working on lists and more lists, rooming, air and soon rentals. Après ski locations are being planned as is our Gator dinner and our pre and post trip parties. So, behind the scenes, it is all coming together for the 45 Gators that signed up early for this trip! Get your bod in shape! Ask Santa to bring you that new ski outfit! Sharpen your edges and wax your bottoms! Let's go skiing on February 16th!  
 Everett Barber  
 Trip Leader, Snowmass 2019

## Breckenridge

Breckenridge is FILLING UP QUICKLY!!! We have a spot available for a COUPLE ONLY. The snow is already fantastic, so this should be an AWESOME trip. Everything is within walking distance - no shuttle needed. Beaver Run condos are slopeside. Come join us and ski one of the premier mountains in Colorado during peak snow season and party with the Gators off the slopes too! Don't miss out - contact trip leader Linda Elie at [LindaGatorSki@gmail.com](mailto:LindaGatorSki@gmail.com).

\*\*\*THINK SNOW!!!\*\*\*

Linda  
 561-282-7181

## Cortina

Come experience Italy at its best when the PB Gator Ski Club and the Florida Ski Council visit Cortina d'Ampezzo in northern Italy's Dolomites. Cortina's 3 ski areas, Cristallo, Faloria, and Miestres offer some of the most breath taking scenery in Italy. The trip starts from beautiful Cortina d'Ampezzo. What is the weather like? and how much snow? Venice is a beautiful city with incredible cuisine. Our accommodations are in the heart of the pedestrian village staying at the charming Hotel Royal. This 10 day trip concludes with a 3 night stay in beautiful Venice staying at the 4 star Hotel Bonvecchiati where you'll have the opportunity to really explore the cuisine and culture of this unique city. The trip is limited to 32 participants, so don't delay in reserving your spot!

**Cancelled until next time!**

## Winter park

Winter Park 2019  
 March 16-23, 2019

Happy September! THINK SNOW, this trip is going to be SNOW much fun, you will not want to miss this one. A trip with all the thrills and frills with a no-frills price. THIS JUST IN...Price reduction/Air flight change!!! Price is now \$1540/pp. Flights are now non-stop from FLL on Southwest which you know what that means...2 BAGS FREE!!

We will be staying at Beaver Village condos and don't forget to bring something green to wear to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in style!!!

At the price of \$1,570 for the FULL package, what are you waiting for. Space is limited! We are 1/2 way to being SOLD OUT!

For additional information, contact me at 772.528.9199 or [stephmorgan@bellsouth.net](mailto:stephmorgan@bellsouth.net)

Stephanie Morgan, Trip Leader  
 Winter Park 2019



# Special Activities *From VP of Special Activities, Kelly Lunsford*

**FUN**



**HELLO GATORS!!**

The New Year is now here! Our monthly leisure bike rides continue. Get your bikes ready to hit the trails and enjoy the company of some of your Gator friends. I am still looking for ideas and volunteers to lead some of our activities for this year or give me an event you would like to do with the group. We have three exciting trips planned for out of the country. Please check the website for specific details. Trip Leaders will be chosen this month, so look out for the trip leaders for each of our out-of-country trips!



**GATOR LEISURE BIKE RIDE:  
JUPITER FARMS, JANUARY 5, 2019**

10:00 AM Saturday Morning  
Ride about 9 miles @ 8-10 mph.



**GATOR LEISURE BIKE RIDE &  
OPTION CAMPING: LAKE  
OKEECHOBEE, FEBRUARY 8-10, 2019**



**BIKE AND BARGE TRIP - ALONG  
THE DALMATIAN COAST MAY 17-  
29, 2019**

Seven night tour plus two nights in Dubrovnik plus one night in Split for only \$3,695\*!!! Contact Trip Leader: Evie Houston at [sgjewelers2@aol.com](mailto:sgjewelers2@aol.com) or 561-762-2628.



**GATORS ON SAFARI - SOUTH  
AFRICA & VICTORIA FALLS  
AUGUST 30, 2019 THRU SEPTEMBER  
12, 2019**

**Package Price: \*\$4200.00  
(\*plus air to be determined)**

For more information contact trip leader, Chris McArdle. See flyer on website.

**COSTA RICA OCTOBER 4-12, 2019**

Nine Days - San Jose - Guanacaste - Monte Verde - Arenal - San Jose Only \$1,995!!! For more information contact Kathy Levas at [KathyL2261@gmail.com](mailto:KathyL2261@gmail.com) or 561.339.2661.



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## **Weekend getaways to be announced**

### **TRIP LEADER WANTED:**

### **ST. AUGUSTINE WEEKEND GETAWAY, DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED**



### **TRIP LEADER WANTED:**

### **KEY LARGO FULL MOON WEEKEND, AUGUST 16-18, 2019**

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# Gator Snow Ski Club

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Contact: Estela Basso [webmaster@gatorsnowskiclub.com](mailto:webmaster@gatorsnowskiclub.com) 561.214.1603

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