



# GATOR TALES

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## President's Message

### HELLO GATORS AND FELLOW PATRIOTS!



Happy 242nd Birthday to The United States of America!

As we celebrate our Nation's birth, let's not forget those who fought and gave their all for the Freedoms we enjoy today. While you sip on that beer next to the BBQ, as you relax pool side with a glass of bubbly, please take a moment to toast our brilliant Forefathers for allowing us to live the lives that we lead today. We are all truly blessed to live in the U.S.A.

We Gators know how to take full advantage of those Freedoms that our Forefathers gave us. As we enter the 2nd month of our fiscal year, your new Board and Club volunteers are hard at work planning and selling our Ski Trips and upcoming activities such as flyboarding, kayaking, snorkeling, horseback riding, bowling, mini-golf, weekend getaways, water parks, bike & barge trips, South African Safari, Water Taxi, reviving Gator Games, and much, much more. We are also planning our September Fun Party, our December Holiday Party, as well as Halloween, New Year's, dinner on the beach, a "cook-off" or Lobster Fest, and special Saturday Happy Hours. We can't do this on our own, however. We need YOU to help us come up with ideas, to help plan and to lead.

With that being said, I have a question for you. How would you like to earn (up to) \$500 towards any Club trip, and all you have to do is work an average of 5 hours per week for your Club? If you are interested in this offer, please contact me and I'll explain how.

I am going to switch hats now and tell you about an amazing ski trip I am leading to Taos, New Mexico February 2-9, 2019 for only \$1850.00!!!

Ski Taos! with the Palm Beach Gator Snow Ski Club in 2019. This is an amazing location with awesome trip leaders (if I say so myself).

Taos Ski Valley is quaint not overcrowded. The Gator trip will be smaller (32 participants) where you'll really be able to bond with everyone. We will be staying slope side at the Snakedance Condos, so you are just steps away from the ski lift during the day, and lunch tray races by night. Roger and Diane, managers of the Snakedance, will prepare a delectable meal at their private Hacienda. The meal is delicious and the beer and wine seem to flow endlessly. OH, did I mention the Margarita Tube? Yeah, there's that too. Prior to dinner, we'll make a stop @ the Rio Grande Gorge River Bridge to take in the breathtaking views of the River Gorge right at sunset. The town of Taos is one of a kind, and we will have an afternoon to explore the town and meet for lunch after shopping or bar hopping. Ok, Let's talk about the skiing. There are new snowmaking machines all over the mountain and a new Gondola on Strawberry Hill. Don't forget that the Kachina Peak lift opened in 2015 for those triple black diamond thrill seekers. For the intermediates and beginners (and even the advanced skiers) Learn to ski better week is not to be missed for only \$225 more. You will have up to 6 days of lessons, 3 hours per day, and your instructor will take you to the famous Martini Tree on Friday.

Please visit the GSSC website or contact me or my assistant trip leader Ellen Joseph for more information!

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

Patti Bochniak



### Next General Membership Meeting:

Thursday, July 12th at the Hilton Garden Inn, 6:30 PM Social Hour; 7:30 PM Business

### Next Board of Directors Meeting:

Thursday, August 2nd at the Hilton Garden Inn, Palm Beach Gardens, 7:00 PM

# July 2018

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# 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 JULY 12TH,  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS  
WILL BE HELD AT THE HILTON  
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GARDENS .

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



**ADVERTISE  
YOUR  
BUSINESS  
HERE**

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

**SEE PAGE 10 FOR DETAILS**

## SINCERE SYMPATHY

“Celebrate Bob”

**Memorial Service for Bob Wyman  
Monday, July 30, 2018 at 2:00 PM  
First Presbyterian Church  
717 Prosperity Farms Road  
North Palm Beach, FL 33408**



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

**Thank you, Gators, for having the confidence in me to elect me VP of Ski Trips. It is a job I have long wanted to do.**



Our 2019 ski season schedule is complete, and all trips are now on sale. The newest additions are the Winter Park Spring Break Trip, March 16-23, 2019 and the ten-day Cortina and Venice Trip, March 9-20, 2019. I think the schedule will appeal to all skiers, whether beginner, experienced, favoring Europe, or dedicated Western skiers.



**January 12 – 19, 2019 Vail, Colorado (28 Spots) Trip Leader: Chris McArdle**

Prepare yourself for a special skiing adventure at Vail. This is truly a luxury 7-day trip with lodging at the elegant Landmark Condominiums (2 bedroom/2 bathroom) located in Lionshead Village, a short walk to the base. The trip includes round trip air on Delta from Palm Beach to Denver with a stop in Atlanta and ground transportation from Denver airport to Vail with a stop for grocery shopping. Five day lift tickets are included as well as Parties: Pre-trip party Korbels, Kendall-Jackson, La Crema Party, Club Dinner, and Après Ski (Happy Hours), and of course your own Gator Bandana. The price is \$2,210\* and is available for sign-up. Contact the trip leader, Chris McArdle, at 561-267-5820 or [cmcardle0152@gmail.com](mailto:cmcardle0152@gmail.com).

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

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 7 day lift ticket is included 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. The price is \$2,310\* and is available for sign-up. Contact the trip leader, Lee

Chitty at 561-315-2097 or [LChitty@comcast.net](mailto:LChitty@comcast.net).

**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<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 ( leader, Kelly Lunsford at 561-616-547: [KellyKay27@bellsouth.net](mailto:KellyKay27@bellsouth.net).



**February 2 – 9, 2019 Taos, New Mexico (32 Spots) Trip Leader: Patti Bochniak**

Taos was postponed from 2018 to 2019 and is 7 nights at Snakedance Condominiums: 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom ski-in ski-out. Round trip air is from Palm Beach through Atlanta to Albuquerque and ground transportation is on Snakedance vans. Included with the package is a 5 day full mountain ski pass, visit to Rio Grands Gorge and the town of Taos. Also a Pre-trip get together, welcome reception, private dinner at La Hacienda, and Après ski are all included. Each participant will receive an exclusive fleece vest and club bandana. The price is \$1,850\* and is available for sign-up now. Contact Patti Bochniak at 561-758-9796 or [PattiBochniak@gmail.com](mailto:PattiBochniak@gmail.com).



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

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### February 16 – 23, 2019 Snowmass, Colorado (44 Spots) Trip Leader: Everett Barber

Snowmass is another fantastic trip with 7 nights lodging at the Top of the Village, 2 bedroom/2 bathroom condos located right on the slopes for ski-in/ski-out ease. Round trip air is on American Airlines from Palm Beach through Charlotte, NC, outgoing and Dallas on the return, to Denver with charter bus transfers from Denver airport to Snowmass, including a grocery stop. Lift tickets are 5 of 6 days good for all 4 mountains, Snowmass, Aspen, Buttermilk, and Aspen Highlands. Parties are part of the trip with a Pre-trip party, Gator dinner, Après Ski, Welcome Party and Korbelt, Kendall-Jackson, La Crema Party. Amenities at Top of the Village are, in part, balcony with gas grill, ski storage, outdoor hot tubs and pool, fireplace and in-unit washer/dryer. The price is \$2,030\* and is **WAIT LIST ONLY**. Contact Everett Barber at 561-215-8704 or [barbever@msn.com](mailto:barbever@msn.com) or Chris Yannuzzi at 561-436-8416.

### February 23 – March 2, 2018 Breckenridge, Colorado (32 Spots) Trip Leader: Linda Elie

Another great trip is to Breckenridge, Colorado with 7 nights lodging at Beaver Run 2 bedroom/2 bathroom condos ski-in/ski-out access. Round trip air is on American Airlines from Palm Beach through Charlotte, NC outbound, Dallas return, to Denver with round trip charter bus from Denver Airport to Breckenridge with a grocery stop. Five day lift tickets are included and there are parties: Pre-trip party, Gator dinner, and Après Ski. The price is \$2,200\* and is available for sign-up now. Contact: Linda Elie at 561-282-7181 or [lindagatorski@gmail.com](mailto:lindagatorski@gmail.com) or Carol Pattison at 772-323-0315.

### JUST APPROVED – March 9 – 20, 2019 FSC Trip to Cortina/Venice, Italy (32 Spots) Trip Leader: Karen Eslary

This is a great trip for both skiers and non-skiers. Cortina is a

great skiing location with skiing excursions to Sella Ronda. For the non-skier, excursions to Bolzano, Conegliano, Innsbruck and Udine. FSC is hosting a gala evening with DJ and dancing. Lodging is at the Hotel Royal in Cortina and 3 nights at the Hotel Bonvecchiati in Venice both with daily breakfast buffet. Venice also offers a ½ day walking tour. All transfers from the airport to Cortina, Cortina to Venice and to the Venice airport are included. Trip price is \$2,920. Contact: Karen Eslary, 561-312-7650, [karen.eslary@gmail.com](mailto:karen.eslary@gmail.com).

### OUR FINAL TRIP – March 16 – 23, 2019 Winter Park, Colorado (PBC Spring Break 32 Spots) Trip Leader: TBD

Seven nights lodging at the Beaver Village condos, just a short shuttle ride to the lifts or town. Condos feature full kitchen, fireplace, cable TV, DVD, outdoor heated pool, 3 hot tubs and a dry sauna. Round trip air to/from Denver and ground transfers between the airport and lodging. There is a welcome reception, Korbelt, Kendall-Jackson, La Crema party, Gator dinner, Après ski parties and 5 of 7-day lift tickets. This is a budget trip but with all the frills of a higher priced trips. Winter Park offers great groomers, world-class glades, panoramic bowls, terrain park and off the beaten path powder stashes along with deeps and steeps. The price is \$1,640. Contact: Carol Pattison, 772-323-0315, [cpattiso@aol.com](mailto:cpattiso@aol.com).

*\*Prices are per person, double occupancy. Terms and conditions subject to change without notice.*

We are still looking for a trip leader for Winter Park. If you are interested, please contact VP Ski Trips Carol Pattison, 772-323-0315.



All trips are available for sign-up, but don't wait too long. Many trips have early drop dates for lodging and if not sufficient participants could be reduced or cancelled. Please feel free to contact the trip leaders for more information about their trips or me with any questions about the ski program. **Times** Now to start preparing for the ski season. Talk to your friends and family and make your decisions soon so you don't lose out on the great **2019 SKI TRIPS**. Remember to start that exercise program NOW to be ready!

Come to our next Social and Special Activities Planning Meeting to be organized in the near future. Meet at 6:30 PM; Meeting begins at 7:00 PM. Watch for date and location to be posted soon.

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

# FUN



## **THE DANUBE BIKE AND BARGE** **2018 / SEPTEMBER 8-19, 2018**

Cycle and sail with Estela Basso as she leads the Gators along the **River Danube** traveling through **Germany, Austria, Slovakia, and Hungary** on one glorious holiday!!!! After the week of bike and barge, you will spend three nights at a four-star hotel in **enchanted Prague**. Only 26 spots available so don't delay signing up. Find full details on the website flyer for this exciting trip in 2018!!!!

## **HELLO GATORS!!**

Hi! I am the new VP of Special Activities. I sure have some big shoes to fill. I am looking for ideas and volunteers for some exciting events and trips. Deb has provided me with all her past events. Here are a few ideas to start: white water rafting, waterparks in Orlando, and professional games such as football, baseball, and hockey to name a few. Looking for some volunteers to run some of these trips and to continue on with the FUN the Gators like to have!

Kelly

## **RIVER RANCH WEEKEND** **OCTOBER 19 - 21, 2018**



Join your fellow Gators for an adventurous weekend that includes Country Saloon with line dancing, hayride, BBQ dinner in private room with bartender, Rodeo and a street party after. Come by car, boat or plane!!!! Be sure to participate in the many activities the resort has to offer. Be sure to pay for Activities Package (\$80 members) with Liz Loeffler or Deb Haselmire in order to receive group code for discounted room reservations; primitive camping and RV sites also available.



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# Socials Page

## Beautiful Historic Seminole Inn



Optional to walk around the rooms inside the Inn and around the grounds outside. It's a great place to unwind and relax for the morning!



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018  
10:30 AM**

**SIGN UP AND PAY IN ADVANCE TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT!**

**\$25 INCLUDES BREAKFAST BUFFET, DRINKS, TAX,  
AND GRATUITY  
PAY NOTHING DAY OF EVENT!**

Contact Kathy Levas for more info:  
(561) 339-2661 or [KathyL2261@gmail.com](mailto:KathyL2261@gmail.com)



Seminole Inn  
15885 SW Warfield Boulevard  
Indiantown, FL 34956

# \$25 COVERS ALL

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# Please Visit and Like Our New PBGSSC Facebook Page

The Palm Beach Gator Snow Ski Club is proud to announce our new Facebook page. Please visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/palmbeachgatorsnowskiclub> and "like" our page. You are encouraged to post pictures and comments.

The screenshot shows the Facebook page for the Palm Beach Gator Snow Ski Club. The browser address bar displays the URL <https://www.facebook.com/palmbeachgatorsnowskiclub/>. The page header includes the name "Palm Beach Gator Snow Ski Club" and a search bar. The profile picture shows two gators in a circular frame. The cover photo features a gator in a ski chair with a sign that reads "WELCOME GATOR SNOW SKI CLUB". The page has a 5.0 star rating and shows 351 likes and 349 followers. The "Upcoming Events" section lists three events: "Happy Hour at Waterway Cafe" on September 22, "Happy Hour at Carmine's Seafood Shack" on September 22, and "It's all about the FUN!" on September 23. The "About" section provides contact information and a website link.

## Visit Our Website

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:** Membership online.

**Members Only Area\*:** 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, 2018 - May 31, 2019) 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](mailto: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 the Communications Team at [webmaster@gatorsnowskiclub.com](mailto:webmaster@gatorsnowskiclub.com) for help.**



# Gator Snow Ski Club

## 2016-2017 Advertising Rates on Website or E-Mail blasts

### WEBSITE ADVERTISING:

Select the size and the page(s) where ad will be shown for 12 months. All ads include a clickable link to your website.

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#### Full Size Display (300 x 300 pixels)

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Home Page plus Sponsor  
Page

One Inner Page plus  
Sponsor Page

Sponsor Page Only

\$400

\$300

\$200




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#### Half Size Display (300 x 150 pixels)

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Home Page plus Sponsor  
Page

One Inner Page plus  
Sponsor Page

Sponsor Page Only

\$200

\$150

\$75



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**Page Banner Any Page (600 x 150 pixels) \$500**

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**Quick Links ( 1-4 words with hyperlink)**

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Example of Quick Link: **My Company is Great!**

<b>Home Page plus Sponsors Page</b>	<b>One Inner Page plus Sponsors Page</b>	<b>Sponsors Page Only</b>
<b>\$125</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$80</b>

Your ads will run in the locations selected, for one full year. All the ads will be image-maps or links, that will take the user to your website when they click. Make all checks payable to the Gator Snow Ski Club.

Don't have an ad? NO PROBLEM! I will create one for you (fee \$50/hour payable to Gator Snow Ski Club). Most ads take 1 hour, perhaps 2 hrs. if many revisions.

Do you want to use your business card? That would fit nicely in the half size display. Scan it and send it to me via e-mail. Or I can scan it for you for \$20 (again, payable to the Club).

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

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**E-MAIL BLASTS**

Add your ad to our weekly e-mail blasts.

Your ad size should be up to 600 pixels wide, and up to 150 pixels tall. All ads include a clickable link to your website.

Price per inclusion **ONLY \$10**

Buy 4 inclusions **\$8/each**

Buy 10 inclusions **\$6/each**

Buy 20 inclusions or more: **\$5 each!!!!**



*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".*



## Event Planning Committee: MONTHLY MEETINGS COMING SOON

Look for dates to be announced.



Betty Williams      Debbi Haselmire

## Join Us at Our Events

Gator members have fun at Carmine's Happy Hour on August 18, 2017.



## Look for our Mascot at Happy Hour

Look for the Gator Sign and the Alligator Head full of candy, seen here at the Snuggery for Blue Jeans Night Out on August 15, 2017.



## Volunteer for Club Activities

Estela Basso volunteers as guest leader for Ben Smith's Juno Beach Bike Ride on December 3, 2016.



## Membership Renewals for New Club Year Starting June 1, 2018

Our 2018-2019 membership year began on June 1, 2018. In order to participate in most of our trips and weekend events, you must be a member. Please take the time to renew your membership. Your dues are used to pay for our operating expenses, our Membership Picnic, and the free food you get at many of our meetings. Please support your Club. Member name tags are available upon request at our general meetings. Membership applications can be downloaded on-line at our website at [www.gatorsnowskiclub.com](http://www.gatorsnowskiclub.com). They are also available to fill out at our general meetings. Dues are \$40 per year for single memberships and \$60 for family memberships. You can mail in your application, turn it in at a meeting, or pay on-line with a credit card. For your convenience, a membership application is included on the following page of this newsletter.

## Your Club Needs Volunteers!

*Your Club Needs Volunteers!*

We are looking for volunteers in several categories to help our Club succeed in the 2018-2019 year that started on June 1st.

- **Social and Special Activities Planning Committee**—We need more members to help with our events and activities. If you have ideas for new events that you would like to help implement, come to our next meeting. Monthly meetings will be starting again soon. Come at 6:30 PM to order food and drinks. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM. For more information, please contact any member of the Board.
- **Trip Leaders and Assistant Trip Leaders**—For Ski Trips, contact Carol Pattison.
- **Event Leaders**—If you are interested in leading one of our events, please contact Kelly Lunsford.
- **Officer Assistants**—Volunteers are needed to be assistants to the VP/Ski Trips, VP/Special Activities, VP/Socials, and Treasurer. Must be members in good standing and comfortable with computers and with experience using e-mail, Excel, and Word.





**Palm Beach Gator Snow Ski Club**

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