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President's Message -

Hello Fellow Gators,

As February approaches the Gators are all having fun with skiing and other winter activities. Snow conditions have been a little less than optimal but are expected to improve as the winter

proceeds. Lots of other activities are planned including bike rides, golfing, a Pub Crawl, and a progressive dinner. Next summer a Danube River Cruise is planned and is filling up quickly. It is sure to be a great trip that you do not want to miss, so be sure to sign up soon.

Our new meeting place, the North Palm Beach Country Club, is also working out nicely. Our first meeting was very successful. We had a D.J. who played great music while we all danced and had lots of fun. The drinks are cheaper too, making it much easier for all of us to afford a great evening.

At our February meeting we will have our first round of nominations for the board. We are always looking for new people to run for office, so if you are interested, please let us know and be sure to come to the meeting.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a happy Valentines Day and I'll see you on the slopes or at many of our activities.

Bruce Holtzman, President

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*Shark Valley
Bike Ride
Sunday, February 5th*

*See Special Activities
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Congratulations to the Gator Race Team!
They beat out the other 16 Florida Ski Council Clubs
to win the Florida Cup!

Captain Ron Harris and Fastest team members:
Tim Ferman, Karl Taylor, Donnie Tracey, Denise,
Fecht, Lin Lambert & Connie Flow.

For updates anytime, or to download flyers on any of our trips, visit:

www.gatorsnowskiclub.com



Susan's Ski Scoop



I have reviewed all of the trip evaluations from the travelers who went on the Vail Trip (thank you for completing this form and adding comments it is very helpful). I have had discussions with the trip leader, John Pagliarlungo and have reviewed his report too. Looks like a wonderful trip was had by all and they really appreciated the work John did to organize the trip. Of course, the wedding of Ron & Meryl was an extra bonus for everyone. I am currently working on getting bids for another early trip to Vail for December 2012 since everyone said they want to do this trip again.

By the time, you read this article Steamboat will be back home. I will give you an update as to the success of this trip in the March Gator Tales. I wonder how the race will go! Hopefully we will be bringing home the Florida Ski Council cup. I hope Marie and Lin (trip leaders for Steamboat) had a wonderful trip and we all made it home safe and sound. Please remember to be considerate & helpful to your trip leaders. They have done lots of work, it is their goal to have a wonderful trip, and sometimes they need your help and your consideration while traveling. We all know what it is like to travel in today's world so be patient, roll with the group and always remember you are on a group trip. The goal is for everyone to have a good time.

At this point, all of this years trips are filled but if you are looking for a ski trip this season it never hurts to contact the trip leader and see if they have a space open up. Your best bet is the Spring Break Trip to the Canyons. It does not go out until March 17th so you may still have a chance of getting on. Crested Butte is headed out 2-11-12, Copper 3-10-12, Canyons 3-17-12. To sign up for a ski trip, you must be a current member of the Club. Applications with deposits can be given to the trip leaders directly or mailed to them. Trip applications, membership applications and trip information are available on our website at: gatorsnowskiclub.com.

Be sure to attend the General Membership meetings for even more information, details, and sign ups and make new friends. Catch the ski fever with the trip leaders and assistants and our members.

For more information, please feel free to contact me directly! *Be in the loop and get the SKI SCOOP.*

Susan Fines, VP Ski Trips

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Been there—Done that!

**Crested Butte, Colorado Ski Trip: February 11 to 18, 2012 \$1550* per member
Getting ready to head to slopes shortly!!**

Copper Mountain, CO Ski Trip March 10 to 17 \$1525 * per member

COPPER IS GOING TO BE A AWESOME TRIP, EVEN THO WE ARE SOLD OUT, YOU CAN PUT YOUR NAME ON THE WAITING LIST, NEVER KNOW WHAT CAN HAPPEN IN 2 MONTHS....
HEY WE HAVE LOTS OF SNOW... YEA

Call or e-mail Evie Houston at 561-762-2628, or email: SGJewelers2@aol.com.
Richard Ruvido at 561-262-7830, or email: ruvidorealestate@yahoo.com

Canyons, Utah PBC Spring Break Ski Trip March 17 to 24, 2012

\$1655* per member Hit the Beach for Spring Break! The Ski Beach that is

While the Spring Break Trip is closed out, you can put your name on the wait list, in the event someone has to cancel. Or if you want to make your own air arrangements, you may be able to get a ground package.

For more details, contact Susan Belgard at (561) 307-8022 or sbelgard@bellsouth.net, or Assistant Trip Leader, Rick Filsinger at (727) 515-2371 or Techdivr@gmail.com

ATTENTION MEMBERS: Want to get more involved?

Here is your chance to make a difference in your ski club. February starts the election process for the leaders that will be in charge of the club for the 2010-2011 membership year. Nominations will be taking place at the February and March meetings. Speeches will be given at the March meeting and the election will take place at the April membership meeting.

Each elected position is for a period of one year with a maximum of two years at any one position.

The board is still accepting names for the individual who will be our election supervisor. If you are interested please contact Bruce Mitchell at 561-627-0494. The Board will select someone at the February board meeting. The following is a description of the requirements for each position and a brief outline of the responsibilities.

PRESIDENT: The president of the club must have been a member in good standing for at least three consecutive years immediately prior to the term of office and must have demonstrated a leadership capacity in a club event. The President is the chief executive officer of the club and shall see that all decisions and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried out. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee and the general membership. Only in the event of a tie will the president cast a vote. It is also the responsibility of the president to see that all members of the Executive Committee, Member at Large and Directors fulfill their duties, and that all committees fulfill their functions.

VICE PRESIDENT /SKI TRIPS: The vice president of ski trips shall have participated in one club trip as a trip leader and shall have been a member of the club in good standing for two consecutive years immediately prior to the term of office. The vice president of skip trips will be responsible for coordinating all club ski trips, and also providing guidance, assistance and training to all trip leaders and trip leader assistants. He/she is also responsible for all travel arrangements and makes recommendations for trip leaders, assistant trip leaders, ski trip locations, time of trip, travel agents, budgets and contracts to be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee and Member at Large. The vice president of ski trips shall be responsible for the scheduling, planning, promotion, budgeting and execution of all ski activities and events sponsored by the club.

VICE PRESIDENT/SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: The vice president of special activities must have been a member in good standing for at least two consecutive years immediately prior to the term of office. Vice president of special activities shall oversee and supervise all sports related activities and non-skiing activities requiring transportation whether the transportation is provided by the club or the members. In addition, he/she shall be responsible for the scheduling, planning, promotion, budgeting, training of related trip chairs and assistant trip chairs, and execution of all sports related non-skiing activities and events sponsored by the club which require transportation.

VICE PRESIDENT/SOCIALS: The vice president of socials must have been a member in good standing for at least two consecutive years immediately prior to the term of office. He/she shall be responsible for the scheduling, planning, promotion, budgeting, and execution of all social activities, charity functions and events sponsored by the club that do not include transportation.

SECRETARY: The secretary must have been a member in good standing for at least two consecutive years immediately prior to the term of office. The secretary shall record the minutes of all executive committee, board of directors and when appropriate, general membership meetings and file them in minute books as permanent records belonging to the club. He/she shall also keep copies of all club correspondence, maintain and have custody of all the permanent records of the club, draft and maintain all resolutions of the Executive Committee and/or the board of directors and to advise the president of pending action items in previous meetings.

TREASURER: The treasurer must have been a member in good standing for at least two consecutive years immediately prior to the term of office. The club treasurer shall have practical financial and or accounting experience in managing the financial affairs of an organization or business. The treasurer shall use the club's current software and exhibit computer literacy. The treasurer shall be responsible for developing a budget for the club, prepare monthly financial statements for the board of directors, keeping accurate financial records for each trip and activity for the club and filing the tax return in a timely manner.

MEMBER AT LARGE: Member at Large shall have been a member in good standing for at least two consecutive years immediately prior to the term of office. The Member at Large shall represent the interests of the membership and act as a liaison between individual members and the Board of Directors. The member at Large shall have a vote on all matters but will receive no benefit.

The rewards are many when you serve as an officer in the ski club. Are you a leader? Then, what are you waiting for??? Step up to the plate and help keep this club as one of the best in the state of Florida!!



Recess for Adults

VP of Special Activities June Nash

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PAHOKEE—January 20th to 22nd

Another great time was had by all this yearly event will be remembered as the best of times.



The Army Corps of Engineers has closed down the outpost and we will be looking into future dates we can enjoy this wonderful place.

SHARK VALLEY BIKE RIDE—

February 5, 2012— At 1:00pm.

Come bike alongside the alligators in the everglades. Mark your calendar and don't miss this fabulous event. If you are squeamish about alligators, you can ride the tram ride.



Email Ben Smith at bsdob525@aol.com for more information. March ride will be Riverbend Park and Last Ride of season will be in April 14th in Palm Beach.

Naples Golf Outing will be Friday, April 20th through Sunday, April 22.

Jan Shoobridge **561-346-6732**

will be our fearless trip leader with the ever effervescent Bobbie Wyman as her loyal assistant. They will begin selling these golfing and non-golfing spots in January. See them at the special activity table in January to reserve your spot. Golfers will be \$250.00, non-member golfers \$20.00 extra. Price includes 2 nights accommodation (double occupancy), three days of golfing (18 holes per day), banquet Saturday night, free drink ticket, 2 breakfasts. This is such a fun weekend, not to be missed.



LEGENDARY DANUBE RIVER CRUISE AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

Nancy Rollins has signed on some of our most adventurous Gators for a trip that is not to be missed. This trip will be 8/29/12 through 9/12/12: The barge called "MS Little Prince" will be home for only 90 lucky people. The rooms are 170 square feet, which is a nice size room. A lovely restaurant is also on board.



30 meals are included - 11 Buffet breakfasts - 9

Lunches - and 10 Dinners included everything, ins, tips, pre and post trip parties, round trip airfare, fuel surcharge, etc.

This is a "TRIP OF A LIFETIME" Definitely, on my Bucket List. 7 countries like Croatia, Slovakia, Romania, sailing through the Iron Gates. How exciting is that???

We have sold out C cabins and B cabins are \$4089, to upgrade to an A cabin is an additional \$199 pp Dracula's Castle is a possible extension for an additional

\$500. I feel that if we are going to be there anyway, we might as well take advantage of this wonderful experience. I doubt that we will have another chance to go there.

**DON'T WAIT TO JOIN US ON THIS TRIP!!
\$500 DOWN - PAYMENTS ARE MADE MONTHLY - EVERYTHING MUST BE PAID BY JUNE 1, 2012**

Call Nancy Rollins 561-627-0494 or June Nash 561-622-5330 for more information & GET ON BOARD

We have lots of fun activities coming up and hope to see you at all of them!

Coming Events: Horseshoe Tournament - Lets go Bowling - Kayaking

Always check out the website for the latest: www.gatorsnowskiclub.com

Social Committee Meeting – The next scheduled meeting is February 16 at 6:30 pm at the North Palm Beach Country Club

February General Meeting – You can look forward to a sweetheart of a time at the February General meeting with music and dancing. Don't miss it as last year's was a fun surprise and this year's meeting promises to be even better. The meeting will be at 7:00 pm and dancing will start at 7:30 pm – 9 pm to Traxx Entertainment.

Thursday, March 17 St Patrick's Day Parade on Clematis Street in WPB – Gather at O'Sheas, 531 Clematis St, Downtown West Palm Beach, at 3 PM, Saturday 3/17, for the 4 PM St Patricks Parade & Party. Put on your best St. Pats outfit GREEN GREEN GREEN and compete for "Best Group" parade winners for a 3rd year. Short march down Clematis and back to post event party. Any questions, call group leader, Captain Ron Harris at 561-818-9041

Up coming events to look forward to: (pending board approval)

Dinner and Theatre – This is a perfect night out with dinner followed by a play at a local theatre – details to follow, call Carole at 561-801-3400 and share your ideas to make this an extra fun night out on the town.

Peanut Island – May – Details to follow but Ron Harris is once again volunteering to put this event together. Last year we had approximately 50 people attend. Let's make it another blow out this year!

Membership Picnic – May – There is a committee reviewing this event so keep your eyes open to new possibilities for this event or maybe just the same fun time we always have, either way it will be fun!

Progressive Dinner – April/May – Bruce Holtzman will be leading this event with the help of David Schue. We will all go on a bus from one restaurant to another, starting with cocktails and appetizers and finishing with desert. Locations a surprise!

Clematis By Night Fundraiser- We are hoping for March, April, or May. We are still waiting to hear from the City of WPB on this event. It was a great time last year and we hope to make it even more fun and profitable for our efforts this year. We will announce it as soon as we know something.

We have many ideas in the works for 2012 so please keep your eyes open and participate in our events. Remember to say thank you to our volunteers and although we don't always make everything perfect, please keep in mind we are all giving our time to the club and doing our best to make each and every event the best we can for you. Suggestions for improvements are always welcome at our meetings when planning for our events.

Carole Kay,

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Your VP of Socials

Happy Hours – Dave Schue continues to provide us with a wonderful venue for happy hours with wonderful variety. Dave takes extra steps to ensure we are treated with white glove treatment and receive some benefit for our attendance at these establishments – so remember to thank him for his ongoing efforts. Drum roll please – here is our venue for February– they begin as early as 5 pm with most people showing up between 5:30 and 6 pm.



February 3, 2012.....Atlantis Grill & Bar, 5805 So Congress, Atlantis

February 10th, 2012.....Panama Hatties, PGA Blvd @ Intracoastal

February 17th, 2012....Waterway Café, PGA Blvd. Palm Beach Gardens

February 24th, 2012..... Verdes Tropical Bowling Lanes,

2500 N. Florida Mango Rd. West Palm Beach, FL 33409

March 2nd, 2012.....Two Drunken Goats, Singer Island

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**CHECK WEB SITE FOR DATES
 AND TIMES for all events:**
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 club of the Florida
 Ski Council**

NEXT GATOR SNOW SKI & ACTIVITIES CLUB MEETING
Thursday, February 9th - North Palm Beach Country Club

February, 2012 Calendar of Events

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
29	30	31	February 1st	2nd 7:00 Board Meeting North Palm Beach CC	3 Happy Hour Atlantis Grill & Bar, 5805 S Congress, Atlantis	4)
5 Shark Valley Bike Ride (See Special Activities)	6	7	8	9 General Membership— North Palm Beach CC	10 Happy Hour Panama Hattie's PGA Blvd at the Intracoastal	11 Crested Butte Ski Trip Leaves!
12	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15	16 Socials & Activities Committee 6:30 pm No Palm CC	17 Happy Hour Waterway Care PGA Blvd Palm Bch Grdns	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Happy Hour Verdes Tropicana Bowling Lanes	25
26	27	28	29	March 1 7:00 Board Meeting North Palm Beach CC	2 Happy Hour Two Drunken Goats—Singer Island	3

IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES

Board meeting, Thursday, March 1st at 7:00 pm @ North Palm Beach Country Club
 General Membership Meeting, March 8th at North Palm Beach Country Club

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