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President's Message -

Hello Fellow Gators,

The time has arrived. We are ready to kick-off our ski season. On August 11th our trips will go on sale, and what a selection we have. We begin early this year with Vail on December 10th. January is our big Florida Ski Council trip to Steamboat. In February we have Crested Butte and Heavenly. Heavenly includes an addition of San Francisco and wine country. March brings Copper Mountain and The Canyons. These are trips not to be missed. Sign-up begins promptly at 7:00 PM at the PGA Marriott. Be sure to arrive early, as many of our trips may sell out.

In addition to our ski trips we have many non-ski activities too. August 27th we have kayaking. If you like to snorkel, then join us September 17th. August 19th to the 21st is our annual retreat to The Rainbow on the Ocean Motel in Deerfield Beach which is a fabulous weekend of food, drink, music and loads of fun. Do you like to golf? Our Labor Day golf outing at Spring Lake as well as our Sylvia Lachance Memorial Golf Tournament are events not to be missed. October 23rd is our annual fashion show and on the 29th bring out your best spooks for a Halloween party. Every Friday we have a happy hour at various locations throughout Palm Beach County. Please consult the pages of the Gator Tales for further information on these and all of our events.

The Gator Snow Ski and Activities Club is your club. It is all about you, the members and for you the members. Please come and join us, get involved, volunteer, and have fun with the Gators.

Bruce Holtzman, President

*Deep Sea Drift Fishing
August 6th*

Leaves out of Riviera Beach Marina

*Kayaking the Lost River
August 27th*

See Special Activities for details!

**Rainbow on the Ocean
Beach Party Weekend**
August 19th to 21st
Join your Gator Friends for
Fun in the Sun and beach!
See Socials for details

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So much more than just a ski club!

Social Committee Meeting THURSDAY, August 25 at 6:30 pm located at the North Palm Beach Country Club

There is a new location for our meetings. Instead of Cardello's, they will be located at the North Palm Beach Country Club. We will have a dedicated room to help with noise levels but we still get great prices on drinks and free pizza. Please come and share your ideas and be ready to help us plan an outstanding 2012! We did not hold a meeting in July. Our next meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2011 at 6 pm for social time and the meeting starts at 6:30 pm.



July 14 General Meeting Unfortunately, I was unable to attend this very exciting and elaborate meeting announcing our Ski Trips as I had my 30 year High School Reunion to attend. We had flyers announcing our venue for July and August and we had a Golf pro available at the entrance of our meeting room to assess golf swings and answer any questions one may have about their golf game.

Rainbow on the Ocean August 19-21

Don't wait too long to reserve a room. They will not hold them until the event. If you didn't reserve yet, call or email Rainbow on the Ocean 954-426-2525 for details and reservations or info@rainbowontheocean.com. Besides the discounted room rates based on a 2-night stay, there will be a \$10 per person charge for members and a \$15 per person charge for non-members. Those of you who wish to just join us for a day can do so on Saturday for just the \$10 / \$15 charge per person. The club is providing a main course BBQ, DJ Captain Ron **AND** there is word that Meryl has a surprise for us on Saturday night! We ask you to bring side dishes for Saturday. There will be prizes awarded for best side dish, 2nd and 3rd places as well. Meryl is organizing this event and she can be reached at 561-375-9871 if you have any questions. Check out their website www.rainbowontheocean.com



BJNO Blue Jean Night Out at the Snuggery

- **July 12** This was well attended with approximately 40 members enjoying their evening playing pool and just plain having fun with friends. Thank you Ben for all your hard work to keep our entertainment options diverse & affordable!

Peanut Island Picnic- July 23

This proved to be a great way to cool off in the hot summer month of July. We all improved our tans while relaxing in the ocean waters and enjoying the Captain Ron's grilled hot dogs! The water taxi helped those without boats enjoy this event too.

Tri-Rail to Riverwalk for Jazz- August 7, 10 am-

Enjoy a day of fun in Fort Lauderdale with your fellow members, listening to jazz, going to the I-MAX theatre, or shopping Las Olas etc. Call Ben at 561-775-3481 or email him at bbsdob525@aol.com for details on when to meet at the Tri-Rail and location of such. No reservations required. Comfortable shoes and sunscreen are recommended. Bring \$ for your lunch, entertainment, shopping, and for the Tri-Rail.



Sylvia LaChance Golf Tournament to benefit

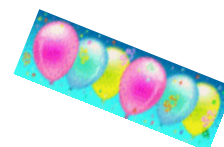
Veteran's! Mark your calendar even if you don't golf as we need volunteers to help the day of the event. The proceeds helps send our Veteran's on a ski trip so please come show your support! Bring your friends to golf as they don't need to be Gator Snow Ski and Activities members for this very important and worthwhile cause. Abe Tessler is leading this event with John and Gail P. assisting him. Abe can be reached at 561-633-3551. This event will take place at Windston Trails Golf Club on September 17.

Happy Hours - Dave Schue has been doing a wonderful job of giving us new and really fun locations to meet and unwind after a busy week. This month's schedule is on page 2 and if you need addresses please visit the website.

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, vpsocials@carolekayrealty.com
Or 561-801-3400**

Your VP of Socials





Susan's Ski Scoop



Our 2011-2012 ski year trips are well on the way. Don't miss the ski trip signup night on Thursday, August 11th. See below for all the details!

Susan Fines VP Ski Trips (772) 340-0001 or smfines2@yahoo.com

GATOR SNOW SKI CLUB 2012 SKI TRIPS

Ski Trip Sign up Procedures

Sign ups for 2012 Ski Trips will begin at the Kick-off Meeting on Thursday, August 11th, 2011 at the PGA Marriott. Doors will open at 7:00 pm.

For a complete list of the ski trips, including dates, lodging, and trip leader information, check Page 4 of this newsletter!

To sign up for a ski trip, you must be a current, paid in full member of the Gator Snow Ski Club. You must complete and sign a ski trip application, and give to the trip leader, along with the deposit of \$200 per person per trip. Any incomplete applications, applications without payment, or applications from non-members, will not be accepted.

Members may turn in signed, completed applications for other members, up to the maximum of one per pillow, per unit for the trip they are signing up for, or their immediate family, whichever is greater.

The limits for each of this year's trips are:

- 4 Applications per person for Steamboat, Crested Butte, Copper & Canyons
- 2 Applications per person for Heavenly

Application may also be mailed anytime after the August newsletter is available. Applications received by the trip leaders by mail or in person, prior to the Kick Off Meeting, will be opened AFTER the Kick Off Meeting on Thursday, August 11th.

Applications and trip information are available on our website:
www.gatorsnowskiclub.com.

This trip sign up procedure gives equal access to all our trips for the vast majority of our club's membership. Your VP of Ski Trips – Susan Fines

August Happy Hour Schedule!

August 5th - North Palm Beach Country Club, US 1, NPB

August 12th - Spoto's PGA Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens

August 19th – Grumpy Grouper, Lantana

August 26th - Taboo, Palm Beach

September 2nd - Panama Hatties, PGA Blvd.



**Special Thanks to the organizer of our fantastic Happy Hours!
Call Dave Schue (561) 383-1080 with suggestions for new venues.**

GATOR SNOW SKI & ACTIVITIES CLUB

2012 SKI TRIPS



Vail, Colorado – December 10, 2011 to December 16th

Price: \$ 1715*

Lodging: Lion Square Lodge Air: PBI to Denver*

Trip Leader: John Paglialungo (561) 891-0009 Email: paglialg@comcast.net

Steamboat Springs, Colorado – January 21, 2012 to January 28th

Price: \$1,770* or \$2,030*

Lodging: Chateau Chamonix, ski-in/out Air Options: FLL to Denver *or* PBI to Hayden*

Trip Leader: Marie York (561) 222-1478 Email: lifecoach@YorkSolutionsLLC.com

Asst. Trip Leader: Lin Lambert (561) 622-5971 Email: SkiTenLin@comcast.net

Crested Butte, Colorado – February 11, 2012 to February 18th

Price: \$1,550*

Lodging: Plaza Condominiums Air: PBI to Gunnison*

Trip Leader: Everett Barber (561) 215-8704 Email: barbever@msn.com

Asst. Trip Leader: Terry Daly (561) 386-5998 email: homeinspectpb@gmail.com



Heavenly, San Francisco, Wine Country - February 26, 2012 to March 7th (10 nights)

Price: \$2,130*

Lodging: 5 nights Harvey's Tahoe, 2 nights S. Fran Hilton, 3 at Sonoma County Hilton

Air: (out) PBI to RNO (return) SFO to PBI*

Trip Leader: Linda Oliver (561) 236-5875 email: lboliver@gate.net

Asst. Trip Leader: Cheryl Barnes (781) 749-2992 email: cheryl2108@aol.com

Copper Mountain, Colorado – March 10, 2012 to March 17th

Price \$1,525*

Lodging: Center Village Air: PBI to Denver*

Trip Leader: Evie Houston (561) 762-2628 email: SGJewelers2@aol.com

Asst. Trip Leader: Rich Ruvido (561) 262-7830 Email: ruvidorealestate@yahoo.com

Canyons, Utah – March 17, 2012 to March 24th

Price \$1,655*

Lodging: Silverado Lodge Air: PBI to Salt Lake

Trip Leader: Susan Belgard (561) 307-8022 Email: sbelgard@bellsouth.net

Asst. Trip Leader: Richard Filsinger Jr. (561) 882-3426 Email: TECHDIVR@gmail.com

(*All prices, dates, and itineraries – especially airlines & departure cities, are subject to change)

**All packages include roundtrip airfare, ground transportation, lodging,
Lift tickets, Gator parties. Ground packages (without air) available for all trips.**

For more information about our ski trips, contact the VP Ski Trips:

Susan Fines at (772) 340-0001 or email smfines2@yahoo.com

Information on all Gator Snow Ski Club activities visit

Website: www.gatorsnowskiclub.com





GATOR SNOW SKI & ACTIVITIES CLUB

2011-2012 Ski Trip Application

Please Print – One Application Per Person

Trip: _____

Name: _____

(Legal name to appear on your airline ticket w/photo ID)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell / Work Phone: () _____

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

(As it appears on a name badge)

Date of Birth ____/____/____ (as it appears on your ID – new requirement from airlines)

I am taking the full package including air? _____ Ground Package? _____

If offered, are you taking an extension with this trip? Yes: _____ No: _____

Do you smoke? Yes _____ No _____ I will share a room with a smoker? Yes _____ No _____

_____ I will share a room with another person, separate beds, and DO NOT have a roommate preference yet.

_____ I will share a room with another person, separate beds, and the name of the person is listed below.

_____ I will share a room with another person, one bed, and the name of the person is listed below

Book my room with the individual (s) listed below:

1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

Please be aware that this is a rooming “request” and is not to be considered a *guarantee* of roommates, or bedding arrangements. Trip Leaders will make their best efforts to accommodate all requests.

In an emergency contact: _____ Phone: () _____

Are you renting? Yes _____ No _____ Are you interested in ski lessons? Yes _____ No _____

Skiing ability: New _____ Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$200.00 for my initial deposit. I will mail in the balance as required by the club, otherwise I understand certain expenses/penalties may be assessed. If you are enclosing your membership application along with this trip application, you must submit separate checks and applications for the trip and membership. Make all checks payable to the “Gator Snow Ski Club“.

Trip prices, itinerary and dates are subject to change

The Gator Snow Ski Club is a Not for Profit Organization, not a Travel Agent

Trip Regulations

*Each person participating in a **Gator Snow Ski Club** trip must meet these requirements:*

- 1) You must be a current, paid up member to sign up for a Gator trip or to be placed on the waiting list.
- 2) You must read, complete and agree to both sides of this application and sign the bottom.
- 3) After the trip has filled up, vacancies (if any) will be filled from the waiting list in order of sign-up.
- 4) You agree and comply with the payment schedule presented for the trip.
- 5) If you are taking a “ground only” package, you are responsible for any connections up to and including getting to the lodging on your own. The Club is not responsible for any additional expenses incurred, time lost or unused lodging or skiing. The ground price is determined only by the VP of Ski Trips.
- 6) It is your responsibility to have proper travel identification (such as passport, visas or drivers license). Check with your Trip Leader for necessary documents regardless of whether your trip is domestic or international. The Club is not responsible for lost time, additional expenses incurred or total loss of a trip because you were denied entry into a foreign country or denied boarding by an airline.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- 1) Any cancellation must be made in writing to the Trip Leader. You are still considered on the trip until the Trip Leader receives your written cancellation.
- 2) The cancellation fee is a minimum \$50 unless you’re transferring to another Gator trip, not previously signed up for. However, the Club will also hold you accountable for any money paid to outside vendors on your behalf not refunded to the Club. The minimum cancellation fee can only be waived by the Board of Directors of the Gator Snow Ski Club.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:

I do hereby appoint the GATOR SNOW SKI (“CLUB”), its officers, and agents, as our agents to perform all acts and to enter into any and all contracts as may be deemed desirable in connection with any ski trip or other club activity. I understand that the club acts only as coordinator and accepts no responsibility for the services of any person, ski area, airline, motor coach, hotel, or any organization whatsoever rendering any of the services or accommodations being offered on any trip. Ski trip and other activity fees are based upon current tariffs and are subject to change without notice. The club accepts no responsibility in whole or in part for any delays, delayed departure, or arrival, missed plane or other carrier connections, loss, damage or injury to person or property, mechanical defect or failure of any nature howsoever caused, or for any substitution of hotels or of, common carrier, with or without notice, or for any additional expenses occasioned thereby. I fully understand the club is a voluntary association run by volunteers who have no special training in conducting ski trips or other activities. By participating, I/we do not rely on the expertise of any director, officer, activity coordinator, or the agents of any of the foregoing. I agree that I am solely responsible for my personal safety and conduct, and for meeting payment deadlines. Should I miss my departure I understand that I may not be able to recover any part of our trip or activity payment. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless, the club, its directors, officers, and agents or contractors from any loss, cost or expense incurred by or attributable in any way to us in connection with any ski trip or other activity. I agree to abide by the Bylaws, rules and regulations of the club and the trip and the activity coordinator in connection with any ski trip or other activity.

I hereby agree to the payment schedule set up for my trip and I acknowledge that failure to make payments on a timely manner could result in my being removed from the trip, with penalties.

Signing up for a GATOR SNOW SKI CLUB trip implies acceptance of the regulations and agreement.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

For ski club use only:

Date	Check Number	Amount of check or cash amount	Is amount for more than one person?	Beginning Balance \$ _____ Remaining Balance:

Recess for Adults

VP of Special Activities Vivia Ware

561-301-2346 or vivia.ware@yahoo.com



Ray Collie is host for the **Lost River Kayak fun outing** on August 27. We will meet at South River Outfitters in Stuart, right off I-95. Paddles will be wet at 10am. Please contact Ray Collie at ray.collie@gmail.com. Price is \$26/single kayak or canoe and \$36 for a double kayak/canoe. Coffee and donut holes will be provided. Bring snacks for our break in the paddling, bring sunscreen & water. Afterwards, we will head to Charlies Bar and Grill on Kanner Highway for some adult libations and relaxation.



Deep Sea Drift Fishing—Greg Arnold is rounding up all our deep sea fishermen and taking them out of Riviera Beach marina bright and early on August 6th. Please be at the dock at 7:30am, don't be left behind. Cost is \$75 for members and \$85 for non-members. Bring your own food and drinks. The mates will bait your hooks, clean your catch. Fishing license is included in the price. Be sure to tip your mates. Don't miss this fun fishing adventure.



Email Greg at mako266@aol.com

Jim Krotiak is heading up all golfers for the **11th Annual Spring Lake Golf Weekend** September 2 through 5th. Price is \$265.00 member price. \$285.00 for non-members. We usually have 60 plus golfers on this fun weekend so fill out your application with Jim early.

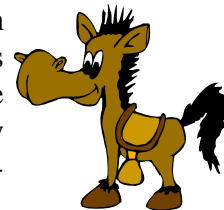
Price includes 4 days and 3 nights of unlimited golf on two 18 hole golf courses, 3 breakfast buffets, 1 dinner in the clubhouse, evening cocktail parties, 2 traditional gator scrambles, unlimited fun! Contact Jim at 561-585-8620

or jimkrotiak@hotmail.com



River Ranch Weekend—More upcoming fun not to be missed--mark your calendars and hold November 11 through 13th for **River Ranch** with

Carole Kay as our leader. Carol has arranged for smores and a campfire social and a free drink ticket for Friday night followed by the saloon and dancing, Saturday is your choice of events, some of us will golf, some will ride horses with Carole. She has arranged a lunch on the trail for the horseback riders, you can take the afternoon on Saturday to ride pontoon boats, do archery, take airboat ride, just relax. Saturday evening is the hayride to be followed by dinner and rodeo. Carole is getting all of us matching gator scarves so we can sit together on the hayride and in the bleachers of the rodeo. Saturday night will be fun in the saloon line dancing. Price is \$170/double occupancy for members, campers \$70.00. Carole is providing a continental breakfast in her cabin Sunday morning and is working on arranging late check out to extend the weekend. Contact Carole at ypsocials@carolekayrealty.com.



Snorkeling around the Blue Heron Bridge.

Saturday, September 17, meet Ben Smith at 11:30 am at Phil Foster Park, 900 East Blue Heron Boulevard. Bring your own tables and chairs so we can hang out in the shade under the Bridge. Also bring lunches, snacks, water, sunscreen and your snorkeling gear.

High Tide is 12:04pm so there is a window of 1 hour to snorkel before the tide turns at 1:00 p.m. Ben Smith: 561-775-3481



Saturday, October 8 is **Ben Smith's first bike ride of the season**, meet him at Okeehelie Park at the Nature Center at 10am. Wear a T-shirt with a tacky design/saying. (Potentially valuable token prizes awarded).

Bring lunch for picnic afterwards..... Ben Smith: 561-775-3481



More to come: Shark Valley bike ride in February with Ben (watch out for those alligators!)

Need trip leaders for possible fun events:

1. Bowling adventure 2. Camping at Sanibel/Captiva 3. Zellwood Sweet Corn Festival

Please let me know what you like to do and we will try our best to plan it!

I love hearing from you. Vivia.ware@yahoo.com.

For up to date information on all events go to:

www.gatorsnowskiclub.com

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**CHECK WEB SITE FOR DATES
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NEXT GATOR SNOW SKI & ACTIVITIES CLUB MEETING
Thursday, August 11th

August Calendar of Events

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
July 31	August 1st	2	3	4 7:00 Board Meeting North Palm Beach Country Club	5 Happy Hour North Palm Beach CC US 1 NPB	6 Deep Sea Drift Fishing See Special Activities
7 Tri Rail to Riverwalk For Jazz— See Socials	8	9	10	11 General Membership PGA Marriott	12 Happy Hour Spoto's PGA Blvd PBG	13
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21 Rainbow on the Ocean Beach Wknd See Socials	22	23	24	25 Social & Activities Committee Meeting North Palm Bch Country Club	26 Happy Hour Taboo Palm Beach	27 Kayaking On the Lost River—See Special Activities
28	29	30	31	September 1st - 7:00 Board Meeting	2 Happy Hour Panama Hatties—PGA Blvd—just east of Intracoastal	3 Labor Day Weekend Golf Outing to SpringLake

IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES

September Board meeting, Thursday, September 2nd at 7:00 pm
 General Membership Meeting, Thursday, September 9th @ PGA Marriott RCA Blvd.

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