



Gator Dugout Days



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Cha...Cha...Cha...Changes

Your Gator Dugout Club Board met on July 10th to discuss changes that will come about with moving to a new baseball stadium in 2020.

This issue of *Gator Dugout Days* will address the changes the Club will undergo beginning in December this year.

Meetings

To start the **Holiday Party** this year will be held at Oak Hammock community room on Monday December 3. Exact time, costs, and entrance method have yet to be determined.

Covered Dish Dinner will continue to be held at The Gator Room in the Swamp. However; the amount of room we have in that facility is limited and we had a problem last year.

Next year, members **MUST** have a paid both 2019 membership dues AND paid for reservation by the noted deadline to be able to attend. Members showing up at the function **WITHOUT** those two requirements will be **TURNED AWAY** at the door.

Adjustments will be made to the amount and type of food brought by the members. The amount of meat will also be adjusted as will the method of selecting the order of serving.

General meetings will continue to be held at Sal's Place; however, we are trying to work out the problem of paying the checks in a timely manner.

The Board has approved a special menu for the Club with the discount included in the listed price.

Saturday meetings during the 2019 season will be omitted since in 2020 we will no longer have a meeting location convenient to the stadium. Also this year we had problems with weather and TV broadcast changing meeting times.

The Club will save \$300 per meeting at the Women's Club.

All general meetings beginning in 2019 will be held on the first Monday of the months of March-May and September – December (unless that Monday is a holiday).

Because Saturday meetings are convenient for our out-of-town members, we plan to hold "Tailgating" events, prior to select Saturday games, hopefully combined with the player parent's get-togethers.

The Tailgating comes without any charge. Members will provide their own food, chairs, and canopies. The Club will provide water, sodas, & snacks.

Any comments you have on these changes send to Gordon.

Other Changes, Additions

Club Shirts

There have been inquiries about Club Tee Shirts. Bob Smithers, Club Merchandise Chair is looking into having Club tee shirts with the Club logo at a reasonable price.



Trips

Trip chair Allen Delaney has been asked to look into the possibility of **overnight weekend trips** to schools within 6-7 hours driving time.

He is also looking into **weekday trips** to South Florida, Stetson, FSU (Tallahassee), UCF and JU in Jacksonville.

The bus trip to Jacksonville may undergo some changes also. We are looking into leaving at an

earlier time (noon) and having a tailgate dinner at the parking lot in Jacksonville.

One item has been settled for the FSU trip to Jax. The Club will NOT furnish any alcoholic beverages on the bus. Riders will be limited to a cooler that will fit under a seat or in the overhead bin. The Club will furnish water, sodas, ice, and snacks.

We will remind all riders to conduct themselves in a civil manner while on the bus and in the stadium at all times during the trip.



Silent Auction

The Club has been asked if members would like to donate silent auction items to **Alz's Place** (daycare for Alzheimer patients).

If you have an items you'd like to donate contact Anne Haisley at haisley.anna@gmail.com.

2018 Meeting Schedule

Monday, September 10, Sal's Place, 6 PM

Speaker: Kevin Brockway, Gainesville Sun Sports Reporter

Monday, October 1, Sal's Place, 6 PM

Speaker: Zach Cronin, Player Development/Data Analysis Gator Baseball

Monday, November 5, Sal's Place, 6 PM

Speaker: Coach O'Sullivan

Monday, December 3, Christmas Party

Club is classified as Not- for-Profit

Several years back, the Club lost its Non Profit status when the certificate was not renewed. President Dorian Lucey took the necessary steps to get the Club classified as a "Not-for-Profit" organization with both the IRS and State of Florida. We did not request a tax exempt status for three reasons; (1) it was a long drawn out process requiring 10 years of financial reports, (2) it would have cost way too much and (3) we don't pay that much in sales taxes.

The status has to be renewed every year. This information will be passed on to future Boards. It presently is maintained by the Club Treasurer and Secretary.

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