



Gator Dugout Days



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September Speaker



Kevin Brockway

The following is Kevin's explanation on how he came to Gainesville: "Kevin Brockway gave up his dream of being a left-handed starting pitcher for the New York Mets when he walked four batters and hit one in a middle school baseball game in Suffern, N.Y. "

"Instead, Brockway turned to sports journalism where he has won numerous state and national awards in a 25-year career which has included stops in Key West, Fort Walton Beach, Naples and Gainesville. Brockway has covered primarily Gator basketball, but has also assisted covering Gator football and Gator baseball since joining the Gainesville (Fla.) Sun in 2003."

Come meet Kevin on **Monday, September 10, Sal's Place**. Dinner at 6:00 but please arrive earlier so you can order food and finish by 7:00.

The Club has a special menu with discounted prices already added. However, you can order off the whole menu.

We hope this new system will speed up service. Sal has been asked to provide addition servers.

Feel free to comment about the new system to any Board member.

New Way to Put \$ in Scholarship

The Gator Dugout Club has found another way to make money for our scholarship...eat at Buffalo Wild Wings.



We have signed up for the Buffalo Wild Wings Home Team Advantage Fundraising Program.

When you go to Wild Wings, tell the server you are on **TEAM "D"**. Wild Wings will place 10% of your bill into a Gator Dugout Club account. At the end of the year, a check in the total amount donated will be given to the Club.

This year, the time frame is September 1- December 31. Next year it will be all year long.

So, eat...drink...and make money for the Club.

Club Awards



The last page of this newsletter is the 2018 Gator Dugout Club Awards ballot.

Please vote for your choice for each award and return it to Amy Brown no later than the November Club (November 5) meeting.

Fun Times Only in Baseball?

Play that Funky Music

At Jack Russell Stadium in Clearwater, Florida, on June 26th 1985, organist Wilbur Snapp played "Three Blind Mice" following a call by umpire Keith O'Connor. The umpire was not amused, and saw to it that Mr. Snapp was ejected from the stadium.

Should Ah

After being snubbed from the All-Star game by Boston manager Darrell Johnson, Baltimore's Jim Palmer claimed he was misquoted for calling Johnson an idiot. "I did not call Johnson an idiot. Someone else did and I just agreed," Palmer said.

Been There

Babe Ruth once said "It took me seventeen years to get 3,000 hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course"

Must be the Front Row

Bob Uecker was facetiously called "Mr. Baseball" by Johnny Carson. Uecker's eventual claims to fame were comedy and sports casting, not athletics. As a catcher in 1967 he hit .146, slugged .215 and led the NL in passed balls despite playing in only 59 games! Needless to say, he did not return for an encore. Uecker later quipped that baseball suppliers paid him **NOT** to endorse their products!

Yogi

Yogi Berra inspired the name of the famous cartoon character Yogi Bear. Their names became irretrievably linked, to the extent that when Yogi Berra died, the Associated Press announced the death of Yogi Bear to newspapers around the world! (Honest to God, no one can make these things up!) So how did Lawrence Peter Berra come to be called "Yogi" in the first place? Was he really a swami? No, but he used to sit cross-legged in the on-deck circle. One of his friends started calling him "Yogi" and the nickname stuck.

2018 Meeting Schedule

Monday, September 10, Sal's Place, 5:30 PM

Speaker: Kevin Brockway, Gainesville Sun Sports Reporter

Monday, October 1, Sal's Place, 5:30 PM

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

Monday, November 5, Sal's Place, 5:30 PM

Speaker: Coach O'Sullivan

Monday, December 3, Christmas Party, UF Oak Hammock

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Sal's Place -10%
The Official Gator Sportshop
UF Bookstore (Reitz Union)
University World of Beer (SW 34th St.)

These folks offer discounts to Club members

AVON by Trudy – 10%
Planet Fitness
The Midnight Bar (downtown)

2018 Dugout Club Award Ballot

Please mark your single choice for all awards and return to Amy Brown at agbrown4852@gmail.com or mail to 5236 SW 103rd Drive, Gainesville, FL 32609

DEADLINE FOR BALLOT RETURNS IS NOVEMBER 5th

P.A. Lee Memorial Award- for sportsmanship and "can do" attitude.

- Andrew Baker
- Nick Horvath
- Austin Langworthy

Coach Dave Fuller Award- for timely hitting

- Jonathan India
- Austin Langworthy
- Nelson Maldonado

Mr. Gator Baseball - MOP. Player who best personifies Gator baseball.

- Jonathan India
- Nick Horvath
- J.J. Schwarz

Gator Dugout Pitching Award- Pitcher that had the biggest impact on the season.

- Michael Byrnes
- Jackson Kowar
- Brady Singer