



# Gator Dugout Days



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## March 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Monday March 4<sup>th</sup> is the first of the Club's general meetings. Bahama Breeze is the meeting location. Dinner from 6:00-7:00 with speaker Jeff Cardozo.



Jeff came to the University of Florida in 1997 and has never left. A former All-SEC pitcher for the Gators, he now broadcasts all the UF baseball games for the Gator IMG Sports Network. You can also catch Jeff weekly as the co-host of the Gatorzone TV show featuring University of Florida Athletics, which also airs on Sun Sports every Wednesday at 5:30. Jeff's voice is also heard in the O'Connell Center as he is the public address announcer for many of the Gator sporting events. And when he is not busy he is the manager of Ironwood Golf Course.

After earning a Telecommunications degree from the University of Florida in 2001, he has since hosted several radio shows in the Gainesville market. When not at a Gator sporting event, Jeff and his wife Kristy are busy being proud parents of three children – Brooke, Austin and Addison.

### Next up

After taking the Miami series the Gator have a hard time with mid-week games, coming back to beat JU in Jacksonville but losing to UCF at home.

This week the Gator take on the Winthrop Eagles



Winthrop University was founded in 1886, money was granted to form the "Winthrop Training School" for white women teachers. That year the school opened its doors to twenty-one students in Columbia, South Carolina. Nine years later in 1895 it moved to Rock Hill. The school's name had changed in 1893 to "Winthrop Normal and Industrial College of South Carolina", reflecting its mission to prepare some students for industrial jobs.

The college was segregated until 1964. It became fully coeducational in 1974. Evolving from a *training school* to a college with a four-year full curriculum, it also developed a graduate division. By 1992 it reflected this development, changing its name to Winthrop University.

Winthrop is a charter member of the Big South Conference.

The eagles come in with a 3-3 record. Beating George Mason twice. Losing to Toledo and South Carolina. Their South Carolina lose was 6-8.

### 2019 Meeting Schedule

All general meetings in 2019 will be on a Monday at Bahama Breeze, 3989 Plaza Blvd. Dinner on your own is at **6:00** with the program at **7:00**. Arrive early and be done with dinner by 7:00.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
March 4	Jeff Cardozo
April 1	TBA
May 6	Laird Veatch, Executive Associate Athletics Director for Internal Affairs
September 9	TBA
October 7	TBA
November 4	Coaching Staff

December 2 – Holiday Party Oak Hammock

The SEC Tournament Package raffle ticket will be sold each meeting with the drawing for a free room and tickets to the SEC Tournament in Hoover, Alabama at the May meeting.

The Tournament is May 21-26.

During the season, The Club will have tailgates on some Saturdays.

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### Dugout Club Golf Tournament

The Gator Dugout Club is searching for golfers for our first golf tournament. Go to [www.gatordugoutclub.org](http://www.gatordugoutclub.org) and click on Annual Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Tournament for information. You can pay your entry fee via PayPal on the site. Entry fee is \$50 which includes practice balls, golf, cart and lunch. For an additional \$20 at registration you will get mulligans, a sleeve of balls and raffle tickets.

There will be a raffle and silent auction for Gator baseball items.

For those who wish to help set up and register golfers contact Dorian Lucey to volunteer at [gatordugoutclub.golftournament@gmail.com](mailto:gatordugoutclub.golftournament@gmail.com)



Ten king rooms in Hoover have been reserved for the Gator Dugout Club. The La Quinta Birmingham-Hoover-Riverside is our headquarters. King room rate is \$85.00 plus tax.

Call 1-205-403-0096 and ask the front desk. You can ask for Pat or Julia to get The Gator Dugout Club.

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### The Ninth Inning (Baseball Trivia)

Was the greatest pitching duel in World Series history between two pitchers with oddly effeminate names? In the 1916 World Series,

Sherry Smith gave up only one run in 13 innings. The opposing pitcher was Babe Ruth, who gave up a run in the first, but redeemed himself by driving in the tying run and pitching a shutout the rest of the way. The Red Sox made Ruth the winning pitcher by scratching out a second run in the bottom of the 14th inning.

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