



Gator Dugout Days



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April 1st Meeting

Gator baseball broadcaster Steve Russell will be our speaker at the Monday, April 1st meeting at Bahama Breeze. Steve and his girlfriend Carol (super Gator baseball fan) will be eating dinner with us.



Plan to be there no later than 6:00 to eat and socialize.

As usual there will be raffle tickets for the SEC Baseball Tournament and merchandise available.

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>
April 1	Steve Russell, WRUF Broadcaster
April 20	Watching Party- Beef's
May 5	Watching Party- Beef's
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

Dugout Club Golf Tournament



The Gator Dugout Club Scramble Golf Tournament still has room for a few more golfers or hackers or duffers which ever you are. Go to 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 power drive ticket, a sleeve of balls, orange & blue Florida tees, ball marker and raffle tickets. Raffle items are from local Gainesville businesses

There will be a Silent Auction with several autographed items some valued at \$400.

Watching Party



There are only two televised away game at a decent hour:

LSU Saturday April 20 at 3:00 pm

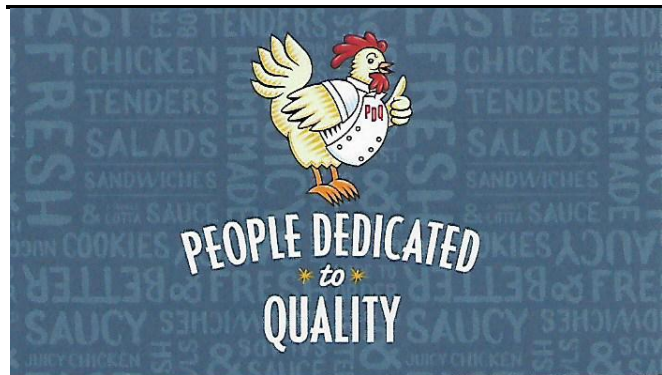
Georgia Sunday May 5 at 1:00 pm

Parties will be at Beef O'Bradys on NW 43rd St. Gainesville.



Ten (10) 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. The Tournament is May 21-26.



PDQ has been added to our list of corporate sponsors.

The Ninth Inning (Baseball Trivia)

Gaylord Perry in a roundabout way helped create the TV show *Cheers*. In 1971, Perry was traded for "Sudden" Sam McDowell, a flame-throwing pitcher and the 1970 *Sporting News* Player of the Year. After the trade, McDowell's career tanked, while Perry went on to win two Cy Young awards and make the Hall of Fame. When McDowell retired, his strikeout rate of 8.86 per nine innings was second only to Nolan Ryan and Sandy Koufax. McDowell later admitted that his "flameout" was due to his abuse of alcohol, amphetamines and barbiturates. Eventually, McDowell's life became the model for Ted Danson's party-boy character Sam Malone, so "cheers" to Gaylord Perry. (But Sam McDowell still insists that he was better with the ladies than Sam Malone!)

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