



GATOR DUGOUT DAYS



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Thanks Coach Kopp

At our very well attended Septemeber meeting Coach David Kopp stood in for Coach Taylor Black who was experiencing flooding problems at his home.



Coach Kopp and Coach O’Sullivan have known each other for 20 years. Sully recruited him to Clemson. Originally from Coral Springs, FL. David coached at Clemson. Was the pitching coach for Florida Southern (8 years) and FIU (4 years).

Coach is a friendly and witty speaker. He gave updates on the current roster. The team has already met for defensive work. David said he is really impressed with the comradery with the players. Many have already reached out to the local community making various appearances. He spoke about some of the new additions to the team via the transfer portal and recruits. Coach is very optimistic about the 2023 season. Mentioned that all the coaches meet every day to go over current player development as well as going over potential future recruits.

Let’s Try Again

The Club’s next meeting is Monday, October 3rd. Our speaker will be the newest member of the Gator Baseball coaching staff, Taylor Black.



Coach Taylor Black

Social Hour at the Fairfield bar begins at 6:00. We have been assured the Social hour will have a bar at discount pricing for Club members. Fairfield apologized for the lack of “Social” before the September meeting. Speaker begins at 7:00.

November Meeting Date Change

Because the UAA has the audacity of having a double header basketball night on Monday November 7, the Club’s meeting has been rescheduled for **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8th**.

Still at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, social hour at 6:00 pm and meeting at 7:00 pm.

Our speaker will be former Gator Pitcher and present Head Coach of the Santa Fe Saints baseball, Johnny Wiggs.



Coach Johnny Wiggs

Coach Wiggs played his collegiate ball at Valencia Community College (Orlando) before transferring to Santa Fe for his sophomore year. At Santa Fe he compiled a 9-4 record and helped the team to the Junior College State tournament after a second place finish in the Mid-Florida Conference play.

He then went on to the University of Florida for two seasons where he was finished his UF career with a 23-6 record, and was voted All-Southeastern Conference his junior year. That same year he helped the Gators to the 1988 SEC Championship, East Regional Championship, and their first ever trip to the College World Series.

Coach Wiggs completed his 16th season at Santa Fe College in 2022. He also earned win No. 500 at Santa Fe College with a 6-1 win over Daytona State College on Mar. 21.

He then picked up career win No. 700 overall with a 9-1 win in the following game at Daytona State on Mar. 23.



The Annual Gator Dugout Club Scholarship Golf Tournament is fast approaching. Friday, November 11, is the date. A \$90 entry fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, 2 drink tickets, a swag bag, green fees and cart.

There will be a raffle, mulligan bag, silent auction and prizes for hole-in-one, longest drive, closest to the pin and longest putt. The Hole-in-one prize will be a one carat diamond from Brittney's Fine Jewelry.

There are several silent auction items including a 3 day, 2 night stay in a beautiful cabin in Blue Ridge, Ga.

It is an 8:00 am shotgun start after a 7:00 am breakfast.

Sign up as an individual, duo or foursome team on www.gatordugoutclub.org.

If you would like to sponsor or know someone who might sponsor, the deadline for sponsors is October 10, 2022. Sponsorships runs from \$150 to \$2500.

FALL PRACTICE



Gator fall baseball practice will begin on October 9th. Go to floridagators.com or on Gators Baseball (@GatorsBB) Twitter in September for a full schedule.

Gator Dugout Club Christmas Party



December 12 is the date for the Club's Christmas Party. Once again it will be at Oak Hammock. 6:00 pm social (cash bar) and 7:00 pm dinner.

Cost of dinner is \$29 per person of which \$5 is for tips.

Unwrapped toys and games will be collected by Family Promise of Gainesville, a group of local faith and civic group to help families get back on their feet.

Santa Claus is scheduled to emcee the gift exchange.



Mark your calendar. A notice will be sent shortly.

Club Awards

We wish to thank all Club members who voted for the 2022 players for the Gator Dugout Club awards.

Here are the results of the voting:

PA Lee Memorial Award: Deric Fabian



Coach Dave Fuller Award: Wyatt Langford
Mr. Gator Baseball: Wyatt Langford



Dugout Pitching Award: Brandon Sproat



Steve Georgiadis award: Tyler Nesbitt

