



Gator Dugout Days



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October GDC Meeting

The first Gator Dugout Club Meeting of the Fall was held on October 7th at the Fairfield Inn and Suites. Club members discussed Fall GDC events, followed by a presentation from and Q&A with Gainesville Sun beat reporter Kevin Brockway, focusing on Gator baseball's prospects for the upcoming season.



(Kevin Brockway, addresses club members)

November GDC Meeting

November's GDC meeting was a special one, as Orlando Prescott, Gator Baseball support staff, offered a GDC-members-only tour of the parts of Condron Family Ballpark fans normally don't get to see.



(Some of the 100+ GDC Members gathering before the tours.)

Club members toured the pitching labs, indoor batting cages, and student nutritional/recreation areas underneath the stands. The tour also included walking out onto the field and inside the Gator dugout.



*(GDC Members touring the pitching lab, seeing the indoor batting cages, and walking on-field toward the Gator dugout.)
Photos courtesy of Gary Carter*

Golf Tournament

The 2024 Gator Dugout Club and Kevin O'Sullivan Golf Tournament was held on Monday, November 11 at Turkey Creek Golf Course.

This is the flagship fundraising event for the GDC, supported both by the golfers themselves as well as many sponsors. This year, approximately 30 local businesses, individuals, and families sponsored the tournament.

The shotgun-start best ball tournament began at 8:30 am and concluded with lunch and an awards ceremony at 1:30 pm. Highlights included an adult beverage ring toss; a silent auction for Gator Baseball memorabilia, jewelry, vacations, and more; and the opportunity to connect with GDC members and Gator players/coaches.

Topping the tournament leaderboard were:

1st Place: Jason White, Erick Cavanaugh, Erik Olson, and Fred Samson

2nd Place: Alexander Logan, William Bowen, Brian Searing, and Craig Tomlinson

3rd Place: Eric Pope, Bill Enneking, and Jeff Faulkner

4th Place (tie): Bob Gibson, Dave Falcone, Mike Ferrer, Alan Chapman

4th Place (tie): Jerry Solenski, Trey Mcrae, Joseph Solenski, Bill Roberts

5th Place: Phillip Prince, Steven Bernstein, David Ayers, Mike Prince

Thanks to Tammy Prince for her leadership on this year's tournament.

Thanks also to Henri Logan for submitting the golf tournament photographs on the right column of this page.



(Silent auction items up for bids)



(Thanking our tournament sponsors)



(Celebrating the spoils of victory at the adult beverage ring toss event)



(The Hustle & Bustle of the tournament near the Turkey Creek clubhouse)

Fall Ball

Fall Ball recently wrapped up with the “Orange and Blue World Series”, an intra-squad competition won by the Orange team.

The highlights of Fall Ball are the inter-squad scrimmages. This year, the Gators swept Jacksonville University in a doubleheader of six-inning games on Friday, November 1 in Jacksonville (2-1, 7-6). Transfers brought the second victory home as Blake Cyr had a game-tying sacrifice fly followed by a walk-off hit by Landon Stripling.

The results of the doubleheader on Sunday, November 10 weren’t as favorable, with a rain-delayed 5-0 win followed by a 0-2 defeat in a pair of 7 inning games.



(Liam Peterson warms up before the first inning of the opening game vs. USF)

2024 GDC Holiday Party

The Gator Dugout Club Holiday Party has been scheduled for **Monday, December 16th** at Oak Hammock (6 pm social hour and 7 pm buffet dinner). Attendees are asked to bring:

- Wrapped gift (~\$20) for Secret Santa.
- Unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.
- Any unwanted, gently used baseball equipment for donation to i9 Sports.

[Registration](#) (also at gatordugoutclub.com), with a deadline of December 8th.

Please contact Carol LeBlanc at: cleblancgators@yahoo.com for questions.

2025 Gator Baseball Schedule

The coming schedule for our boys has been announced and is available at [link](#). The SEC has released a preliminary list of Thursday-Saturday series since the previous Dugout Days issue. The Gators have three such series scheduled: @ Mississippi on March 27-29, home vs. Missouri on April 10-12, and home vs. Alabama to wrap up the season on May 15-17 (all final week series are Thursday-Saturday series).

Snack Fund

Help feed the team! During baseball season the Gator Dugout Club and friends provide nutritionist-approved snacks for the team. Donations are accepted through PayPal (link on the GDC website) or by check, payable to Amy Brown, Snack Coordinator. Or mail to:

Amy Brown
P.O. Box 5204
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