

From Club President Frances Childers

A great big thank you to all the members who attended the meeting at the **F-Club**. Parking was a little crazy due to the Lady Gator's basketball game vs. Tennessee but the venue was wonderful. Gator Great, Chris Doering was our speaker and as usual he was outstanding.

The February member meeting will be at the **F-Club** and there is not a home basketball game that evening so parking should be much easier. Come on out and enjoy the F-Club venue, renew your members for a mere \$125 for the year, purchase season tickets, and enjoy the speaker.

The "FUN"draising activities are about begin with the **Dart Tournament** at the Dugout on February 18th. Tom Mason has done a tremendous job with this exciting event and we look forward to another great one. Come on out and enjoy the fun. If you are not a Darter, you can participate in the food and drink special for a mere \$10 and socialize.

The Men's Basketball team will be playing Mississippi State at 2 PM

away and the game will be playing during the tournament. As you may know the Gators started off February with a thrashing of the **Kentucky Wildcats** 88 to 66.

There are many more fun filled events on the schedule. Be sure to mark your calendar as soon as the dates are finalized, **Luau on the Lake** on April 29th at the Lake Weir Kiwanis Club, the **Golf Tournament** is set for May 20th, the **Fishing Tournament** is set for June 3rd at the Plantation in Crystal River, **Family Day** in August, **Swampfest** on October 20th in Ocala, **Florida/Georgia Tailgate** the weekend of October 28th, and our **Annual Awards Banquet** "Christmas Party" on December 8th, at the Gainesville Women's Club. John is working on bus trips for away games to South Carolina, and Jacksonville. Please mark your calendars because your participation is essential to FGTC's success. Every committee needs your help. Volunteer early and often. Congratulations to Terry Nelson, one of the charter members

of FGTC on being named as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.

Growing our club membership remains a primary goal. Please invite your friends and co-workers to join us at a meeting or event. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the February Meeting.

Frances Childers
2017 FGTC President

February's guest speaker will be in an email blast at a later date!

Meeting Dates

February 23
 March 23
 April 27
 May 25 (**Coach's Night**)
 June 22
 July 27
 August 17, 24, 31
 September 7, 14, 21, 28
 October 5, 12, 26
 November 2, 9, 16, **30**

Please bring your membership dues with you.

Dart Tournament

Saturday, February 18 at 1 PM - 11 PM
The Dugout Billiards & Sports Club
3501 SW 2nd Ave Suite-H, Gainesville, Florida 32607

Sign up starts at 1pm

2 Blind Draw Tournaments:
Cricket Tournament,
& 01/Cricket Tournament Formats

Cricket starts at 2pm
01/Cricket starts at 7pm

\$25 for both tournaments and \$15 for one
\$10 for guests who want to be eligible for
door prizes, food and beer specials

Prizes, awards, giveaways, food & beer specials
available for all players. Also, Mystery Out &
Florida vs Mississippi State Basketball on TV at 2pm

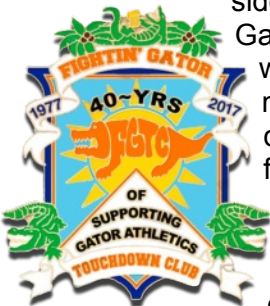
Contact Tom Mason at 352-317-5408 for more information,
sponsorship and to sign up.



40-Year FGTC Commemorative Pin

It was forty years in the making...the dedication, sacrifice and support of the members and those that served on the FGTC boards throughout the years. 2017 President Frances Childers, and President-elect Donnie Van Wie brainstormed and brought forth the club's first ever commemorative members pin to honor our club.

The FGTC commemorative pin celebrates forty strong years that our club has been in existence. The design conveys blue skies, a warm sunny background and our current logo. Two Florida Gators guard each side of the shield, while at the top, a Gator lays, partying amongst the palms with a cold brew, cheering on our mighty Gators. Topping off the design is our established and current forty year dates, 1977~2017, of supporting Gator athletics.



We are pleased with our commemorative pin, and we're sure you will be too. The pins are given out to those who renew their club membership, and to those that join. Hope to see many old faces, and welcome some new faces to the largest, longest running Gator sports club around. **Go Gators!**



Dart Tournament.....Sat., February 18
@ Dugout Billiards & Sports Club, Gainesville, FL

Luau on the Lake.....Sat., April 29th
@ Lake Weir Kiwanis Club, Marion Co.

Golf Tournament.....Sat., May 20th
@ Meadowbrook Golf Course, Gainesville, FL

Fishin' Tournament.....Sat., June 3rd
@ Plantation in Crystal River

Family Day.....TBA August
@ Ginnie Springs

Swampfest.....Fri., October 20
@ Walt Krumm's, Ocala, FL

Holiday Party.....Fri., December 8
@ Gainesville Women's Club

FGTC By-Laws

Anyone wishing to have a copy of the club's By-laws can send an email to the Club Parliamentarian at tom.mason@sfcollge.edu

Orange & Blue Spring Game

Florida announced Wednesday the date of its annual 2017 Orange & Blue Debut spring game.

The Gators will hold the annual intra-squad scrimmage on Friday, April 7 at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. It's the second consecutive year the spring game to be held on a Friday night.



The game will be at night, and is scheduled for a 7:30 kickoff. **Admission to the game is free.**

That means Florida's quarterback duel this spring between Feleipe Franks and Kyle Trask will end under the lights. Franks and Trask, both redshirt freshmen, are expected to vie for the starting job during the spring. Junior Luke Del Rio is out for spring as he recovers from shoulder surgery.

(By GridironNow.com Staff)

Season Tickets Information

A pair of season tickets are \$1,170.00 (without GA tickets)

A pair of season tickets with Georgia are \$1,320.00

50% deposits for your season ticket are due at the March 23rd FGTC members meeting. Final payment for season tickets and Florid/Georgia tickets must all be paid before, or at the April 27th FGTC members meeting.

Florida/Georgia game seating in Jacksonville. Group or block seating will most likely remain the same as before; upper level. UAA representative stated that there is plenty of handicap spaces to offer, we would just have to let him know well in advance! UAA advised they would need to know which members will need handicap seating by June when they UAA starts the Florida/ Georgia seating arrangements.

REMINDER... Mark this on your reminder list or calendars... You can buy as many FL/GA tickets that you want, however, the **March** meeting **IS** the deadline to order season tickets and the **April** meeting **IS** the deadline to order your **FLORIDA GEORGIA** tickets so don't forget!

FGTC on the Internet

Club members who are on the Internet have expanded access to club information and pictures. Please be sure to explore these options: Our official FGTC website: <http://www.fgfc.org/> Newsletters, events and membership information 24/7.

Follow us on **Facebook:**

<http://www.facebook.com/FightinGatorTouchdownClub>

Gator athletics updates, photos, videos, and social networking with our Gator friends.

Check out our picture site: <http://fgtc.shutterfly.com/> Join

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Bus Trips Update

We are trying to put together trips for the Michigan and South Carolina away games. If you are interested, we need commitments by the March members meeting.

The deposits are:

- Michigan: \$350.00
- South Carolina: \$350.00
- Georgia: \$55.00 a seat until August, then it'll be \$65.00 a seat.

Single game tickets sales will be available until March.

Deposits are as follows:

Michigan game in Texas: (Anyone interested in the seating chart for the Florida vs. Michigan game, the seating map is on the UAA website and is color-coded.) Orders and payments can be made at the meetings

Tier 1: \$205.00 a pair

Tier 2: \$405.00 a pair

Tier 3: \$605.00 a pair

All other away games: \$165.00 a pair

Gator Football 2017 Schedule

Sept. 2	vs.	Michigan (Arlington, TX)
Sept. 9	vs.	Northern Colorado
Sept. 16	vs.	Tennessee
Sept. 23	@	Kentucky
Sept. 30	vs.	Vanderbilt
Oct. 7	vs.	LSU
Oct. 14	vs.	Texas A&M
Oct. 21		BYE
Oct. 28	vs.	Georgia (Jacksonville, Fla.)
Nov. 4	@	Missouri
Nov. 11	@	South Carolina
Nov. 18	vs.	University of Alabama-Birmingham
Nov. 25	vs.	Florida State
Dec. 2		SEC Championship Game (Atlanta)



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For the members 2017 calendar: Dart Tourney will be 2/18/17



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SPRITE, ORANGE JUICE AND FRESH FRUIT

WHITE SANGRIA
PINOT GRIGIO, TRIPLE SEC, PEACH SCHNAPPS,
SOUR MIX, ORANGE JUICE, SPRITE AND FRESH FRUIT

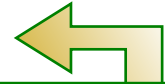
MARGARITA
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SOUR MIX AND ORANGE JUICE

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SPRITE AND SOUR MIX

COSMOPOLITAN
STOLI VODKA, TRIPLE SEC,
SOUR MIX AND CRANBERRY JUICE

PEACH TREE
STOLI PEACH VODKA, PEACH SCHNAPPS,
ORANGE JUICE AND SPRITE



REMEMBER
THIS YEAR
OUR NEW
MEMBERS
MEETING
LOCATION IS
AT THE
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AT NW 13TH &
UNIVERSITY
AVENUE

Florida announces roles for new staff hires

Florida has officially announced the roles for each of its new staff hires, as well as a promotion and a shift in duties for a returning assistant.

GAINESVILLE, Fla. -- Florida has officially announced all of its new coaching hires and assigned their roles on the staff heading into the 2017 season.

As expected, running backs coach Tim Skipper will shift to the defensive side of the ball to coach linebackers. That move allows the newcomers to slot nicely into positions they're familiar with. Skipper has plenty of experience coaching linebackers but spent his first two seasons on McElwain's staff working with the running backs.

Former West Virginia running backs coach JaJuan Seider will take over the running backs, while Brad Davis will coach the offensive line and Corey Bell will coach the defensive backs.

Defensive coordinator Randy Shannon is also expected to work with the defensive backs now after working with that group during the Outback Bowl as the interim coordinator.

In addition to the new hires, defensive line coach Chris Rumph was promoted to co-defensive coordinator.

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