

Tiger Tales

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Welcome to the Family Summer Cookout

Mandi Gosnell '00

The Emerald Coast Auburn Club is beginning a new tradition of sending off local incoming Auburn freshman to Auburn with a Welcome to the Family Summer Cookout. We are inviting 35 freshman and their families to this year's event. We will be returning to the Kelly Plantation Owners' Club in Destin on Sunday, July 29 at 5:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity for the freshman to meet each other and for the parents to meet fellow freshman parents and learn about our Club.

The cookout will be an informal event for all ages and a great opportunity for parents, students and mem-

Tiger Trek Recap

Carol Zorn '07

Lets do a little quick Tiger math: What do you get when you add 300 cheering Auburn fans + 2 delicious buffets + 1 Aubie + 1 National Championship Winning Coach Gene Chizik? Tiger Trek 2012 of course!

The Emerald Coast Auburn Club successfully hosted yet another outstanding annual meeting this year. The spirit-filled evening began with a lively social-hour complete with the music of the AU marching band and festive table décor dedicated to the Toomer's oak trees. Cheers filled the entryway as guests welcomed Coach Chizik and Aubie with an impressive Tiger Walk. After a tropical-inspired dinner, Auburn Alumni Association Executive Director Debbie Shaw

members of our Auburn family to meet and get to know each other! We want to welcome the freshman and their families with open arms and be there to answer any questions they may have as they begin this exciting new adventure.



This event is free however we ask that you RSVP no later than Monday, July 23 to emerald-

coastauburnclub@gmail.com to ensure sufficient food for all.

We hope that you will make every effort to attend and welcome the students, and their parents, to the Auburn family on Sunday, July 29!

introduced distinguished local alumni, followed by the guest of honor, Coach Gene Chizik!

Coach Chizik engaged the audience with his overflowing Auburn spirit. He spoke highly of the upcoming football season, and reported that he is confident in the new coaching staff hires. The evening concluded with the announcement of exciting raffle prizes, and guests left feeling welcomed as part of the "Auburn Family."

We raised more than \$2,500 for the Bill and Gayle Creamer Scholarship Fund, and as always we appreciate your gracious support. We are already looking forward to next year's event, and would appreciate any feedback you may have about Tiger Trek 2012.

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2012 EVENTS

- *July 29—Welcome to the Family Summer Cookout*
- *October 18—7th Annual Emerald Coast Classic golf tournament*
- *November 15—Beat Bama Party*

Message from the President

Andrew Gosnell '02

War Eagle! We have just completed an exciting quarter with Tiger Trek and our first Young Auburn social for the year. We are also working hard to get ready for our summer cookout with a slight twist from last year.

This year's Tiger Trek was a huge success due to the hard work of the board and the volunteers who helped decorate and worked registration, t-shirt sales, raffle ticket sales, and transportation of the Auburn representatives. It is truly an honor to work with such great Auburn men and women.

The club also hosted our first Young Auburn social of the year at the BOTE store in Destin. The event was a great success with 35 people. Several who attended had never been to an ECAC event

before and heard about this event from other members. Thank you all for helping us to get the word out!

I am extremely excited about this year's summer cookout. Growing up my family would have a family reunion every summer as a way to stay in touch with our busy schedules. With that in mind we are having a Welcome to the Family Summer Cookout. This will be a time to reconnect with other Auburn alumni and this year we are welcoming the incoming freshman and their families to the Auburn family and the Emerald Coast Auburn Club.

I hope to see you all on July 29th! War Eagle!

Emerald Coast Classic

Tiffany Clemons '09

Hey all you golfers! The 7th Annual Emerald Coast Classic Golf Tournament is right around the corner and this year is going to be better than ever! We have a new location at Emerald Bay, and everyone please take note that the date has also changed! The tournament will now take place on Thursday, October 18 at 12pm, with lunch at 11 provided by Sherman Moon.

As last year, the tournament will be a 2 man scramble at \$100 per player. This tournament is our major fundraising event of the year and all net proceeds will benefit the Bill & Gayle Creamer Scholarship Fund providing

scholarships to students from Okaloosa and Walton Counties to attend Auburn University. The success of the past years' events has enabled the Emerald Coast Auburn Club and Auburn University to award at least one or two scholarships per year to local students. These scholarships are important when you consider that out-of-state tuition is over \$21,000 per year.

Through our efforts, students attending Auburn University on our scholarships only pay the equivalent of the "in-state" rate or roughly one-third of the cost. The scholarship provided by both the University and our Club

pays the other two-thirds of this cost.

We also have a national sponsor this year with Liberty Mutual, who will provide numerous prizes and incentives for players!

We are currently looking for sponsors, donations, volunteers and players. Please contact Tiffany Clemons at emerald-coastauburnclub@gmail.com if you are interested!

Registration/Sponsorship forms will be sent out soon, and be on the lookout for the next Golf Committee meeting!

War Eagle!

Club By Laws Update

Due to Membership Unity our club By Laws require updating. We will hold a vote on the proposed change at the Welcome to the Family Summer Cookout on July 29th.

2012-2013 Scholarship Winners

Andrew Gosnell, '02

Congratulations to our 2012-2013 Bill & Gayle Creamer Scholarship winners Haley Leibach and Marshall Myrick! Haley is a graduate of Niceville High School and plans to major in Aerospace Engineering. Marshall is a graduate of Freeport High School and plans to major in Chemical Engineering.

The Bill & Gayle Creamer Scholarship is a one year scholarship open to any incoming freshman from Okaloosa or Walton counties and are

selected by the Auburn University Scholarship Office. The Emerald Coast Auburn Club pays one-third of the out-of-state tuition and Auburn University waives an additional one-third resulting in each winner paying in-state tuition for one year.

Your continued support of our annual spring dinner, summer cookout, and Emerald Coast Classic allow us to continue to award these great scholarships.

AAA Director's Dialogue

Bill Nelson '62

I have just returned from our Board of Directors meetings on 22-23 June at the Alumni Center and have some interesting tidbits to share with you.

First, the attendance for the 8 Tiger Trek events to date is way down from the past few years. For example, Atlanta had 331 vs. 800 in 2012; Huntsville had 212 vs. 475; Mobile/Baldwin County had 500 vs. 1,000; Cullman County had 500 vs. 870; and Montgomery had 350 vs. 420. Emerald Coast Auburn Club had 319 in attendance which was slightly below the 333 people who came to see Coach Chizik in 2010. More importantly, the scholarship funds raised at these events are down from \$65,100 to \$33,482 with only Birmingham's Tiger Trek still to be held. Alumni Association concerns have been raised to Coach Chizik and Jay Jacobs with some positive feedback to help future Tiger Trek events. Of most significance to the Emerald Coast Auburn Club is the notice of clubs and dates for each visit will be released by the Athletic Department much earlier—as in February instead of April! This will

give our Officers and Board members much more time to ensure a successful event.

Second, we are and will be spending considerable effort on ways to increase membership in the Auburn Alumni Association. We have 44,000 members at present and a goal of 50,000 dues paying members. We are targeting undergraduates and recent graduates to ensure they stay connected to the university. In addition, we are giving serious consideration to a one-time good deal for future members to join the association at a significantly reduced rate. The Finance Office is reviewing several options to be discussed at our November meetings.

Third, how would you like to attend the Masters Golf Tournament in April 2013? No, I'm not whistling Dixie! The War Eagle Travelers has arranged for Alumni members to attend on the day(s) of their choice between April 8-14, 2013. Highlights include tickets on the selected day's round; world class hospitality at the Executive Club; Gourmet

meals prepared fresh daily including breakfast and lunch buffets plus afternoon hors d'oeuvres with pasta bar; complimentary full service bar; and much more. Prices start at \$525 on Monday of tournament week and increase to \$1,395 on Sunday. If you are interested, let me know at wareagle32547@yahoo.com or 864-2149.

Finally, support your Officers and Board members by participating in as many club events as possible, contributing to the clubs financial status by making contributions to both the scholarship fund and the operating fund, and by volunteering your time to help in events. Finally, provide your inputs, thoughts and ideas on ways to make events better or new events that maybe you would like the club to undertake.

Until next time, War Eagle!!

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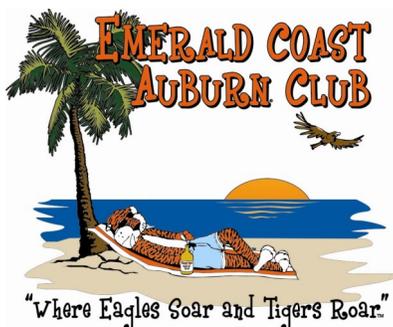
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Auburn Trivia

Thank you to all who responded to our Auburn Trivia question from last quarter's newsletter. The Auburn University seal can be found in front of Langdon Hall and was installed in 1999.

Congratulations to Dr. Jim Brechin for being our trivia question winner from last quarter.



Auburn University Seal



The trivia question for this quarter is the following question.

Which Auburn alumni and current professional athlete had the College of Agriculture senior Horticulture students design the landscaping of their house?

The first person to e-mail the correct answer to the club e-mail will win a prize at Welcome to the Family Summer Cook-out (must be present to win)!

Tiger Trek Pictures



AAA News and Events

Click the links for exciting news from the Auburn Alumni Association

[Fall 2012 – Exclusive Member Tailgates](#)

[Auburn Night at Turner Field](#)

[2013 Masters Tournament](#)