

## Happenings

### September 4 (Mon) Labor Day Picnic at Boulware Springs

Our last picnic of the summer! The Club will provide a main course. We ask that attendees bring side dishes to complement the main course.

We will provide enough main course for those who RSVP. Please RSVP before the weekend if you will be eating the main course so that we can buy enough food. The RSVP link will be sent in an eNews in mid-August and will be available on the News page in the Members Area on the GCC web site.

Rides should be planned to meet at the park at 9 am; eating will commence by noon.

Boulware Springs is located on SE 15th St. See <http://gccfla.org/starts/ridelocboulware.html> for more detailed directions.

### September 15 (Fri) Gainesville Senior Games

See page 5 for more information about this event. **Registration closes on August 17.**

### October 21-22 Gainesville Cycling Festival

Save the date for our big annual event. We're signing up; see more details on page 4.

We need a few members to step up to help with higher level management-type positions to pre-plan for the event. If you can help, email [roger@gccfla.org](mailto:roger@gccfla.org).

### November 11 Veterans Day Poker Run

Watch for further announcements about this annual event.

### Second Saturday, Monthly Family Friendly Ride

The Family Friendly Ride is a monthly GCC outreach ride for riders of all ages, but especially aimed at families with kids. Riders do not have to be members of GCC, so please tell your family, friends and neighbors who might like to join us for a social, all ages bike ride.

We meet the second Saturday of the month at 8:30 am at the Depot Park parking lot and ride the Gainesville Hawthorne trail down to the Alachua Overlook and back for a round trip of 9 miles. All riders must wear a helmet, parents are required to participate with riders under 16. Tag-alongs, bike trailers, and class 1 or 3 e-bikes (pedal assist) are welcome, but no class 2 (throttle) e-bikes or training wheels.

Any questions, contact [jeanie\\_west@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanie_west@yahoo.com).

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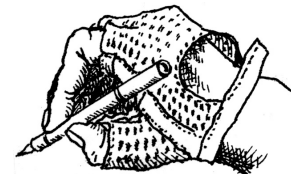
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It would be great if the Club were able to put out a newsletter like this more often. Other large nearby clubs (Florida Freewheelers, North Florida Bicycle Club) do one of these every month. Back in the day, we did one every other month (and printed and mailed them!).

To do more frequent newsletters, we need a dedicated News Editor who is

not also responsible for other aspects of the Club (see the column to the left to see the problem here).

Let me know if you are interested in taking this on. You should have access to word processing and/or publishing software and know how to use it.



**ADD YOUR VOICE TO THE MOVEMENT. JOIN US!**



**NEW MEMBERS  
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WITH A CUSTOM  
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Join the League of American Bicyclists and get \$15 off your individual membership using code **Gaines**. When you join, you'll receive the new, revamped American Bicyclist as well as other great benefits. You can join or renew by visiting <https://bikeleague.org/join-now>.

Greetings one and all, fellow cyclists! We have much to be thankful for, and to remember. We have emerged from a pandemic and we can again hold favorite club events of long standing. Big shout-out of thanks to our new Social Director, Jill Cunningham, for stepping forward to make these events happen! This year saw the triumphant return of the Chilly Chili picnic at O'Leno State Park, with numerous delicious chili recipes in a remarkably close competition for a winner. I think Chandler and the other

originators of Chilly Chili would be pleased. Further, the GCC held our Memorial Day picnic at Hart Springs, and loads of club members turned up. We had to use the grills at the pavilion next door to keep up! Roger got a birthday song, and his birthday cake was completely devoured! Watch out for the club's upcoming Labor Day picnic at Boulware Springs!

Of course, we can again ride in groups. Despite the heat this summer, ride groups are meeting and hitting the

road! Including gravel routes! Speaking of which, both will be featured in this year's Gainesville Cycling Festival, officially set for October 21 and 22! More info is available at <https://festival.gccfla.org/>. The call for volunteers is on the next page! Looking forward to seeing you there! Remember, club members who volunteer one day get free stuff and can ride the other day!

## Junior Cycling Program

Calling all GCC members interested in supporting Junior Cyclists!

Kaidian ("Kaidi") Boubacar, Founder and CEO of the Clifton Cargill Jr. Foundation, Inc. (CCJF), is working to launch the inaugural Cargill NextGen Junior Cycling pilot program next year. This pilot program aims to introduce youth between the ages of 13 and 18 to the world of cycling. The goal is to provide junior cyclists with valuable training, mentorship, and a supportive environment to nurture their potential. CCJF is therefore seeking coaches and ride leaders to support junior cyclists.

The cycling season would consist of

riding practice (either road or MTB) three days per week for approximately 3 hours. CCJF would love to offer both road cycling and mountain biking, but that would depend on the coaches CCJF is able to recruit. Ideally CCJF seeks two coaches along with an additional ride leader to ensure the safety of the participants. Each coach/leader would be responsible for no more than three juniors. The season should be 12 weeks long.

The young people would arrive at a designated location where the group completes a short warm-up and huddle before engaging in their on-bike training. At the conclusion of the ride, the group completes a short

recap/recovery activity before snack time and dismissal. The third day of the week is designated for a one-hour practice, followed by a wellness activity led by various instructors, sharing circle and snack.

If you are interested, please contact Kaidi at 352-737-7214 (cell) or [kaidian.cargill@gmail.com](mailto:kaidian.cargill@gmail.com). For more about the CCJF, visit their website, [HOME | Clifton Cargill](#).

# Gainesville Cycling Festival

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Gainesville Cycling Festival, which incorporates the Santa Fe Century and the Horse Farm Hundred, is coming up in October. Proceeds from the Festival are used to provide a donation to the Boys and Girls Club, and to supplement GCC dues to run the club.

To successfully pull off a major two day event such as this we need a significant number of volunteers to pitch in and help. Most of those are needed on the actual weekend of the event, but there are a few jobs that will need doing in the days prior.

### How to Sign Up

All volunteers should complete a Festival Registration, but only after getting your position recorded in the data base. CONTACT the volunteer coordinators at [volunteer@gccfla.org](mailto:volunteer@gccfla.org) to get a volunteer slot BEFORE registering. When we have you in the system as a volunteer, you will get your choice of T-shirt, and those working multiple or longer shifts will also be eligible to ride one of the rides for free.

You can also sign up at the Labor Day Picnic.

### Type of Help Needed

**REST STOPS.** Hand out food and water during the Horse Farm Hundred at First Magnitude, Flemington, or Evinston, and during the Santa Fe Century on Pre-Columbian Road, Watermelon Park, Worthington Springs, and DeSoto Park in Hague.

**REGISTRATION.** We will be open Friday evening, Saturday morning and afternoon at the Boys Club, and Sunday morning at First Magnitude and in Flemington.

**SAG.** Drivers will be needed for both the Santa Fe and Horse Farm. We pay money for gas.

**OTHER AREAS.** We'll also be looking for help to load and unload the trucks before and after the rides, and clean up the week afterward. Prime positions at the packet stuffing party will also be up for grabs!

*You can check on exactly which jobs are available by going to our web site and checking the Festival Volunteers page in the Members Area.*



# Annual Gainesville Senior Games

Are you 50 or older? If so, come on out and test your cycling skills at the 22nd Annual Gainesville Senior Games 5K and 10K time trials on Friday, September 15. Compete against other riders in your age group -- or just to see how well you can do! This is a friendly event, so don't be afraid to participate.

**Registration deadline is  
August 17.**



The time trials start at 8:30 am at the Gainesville Raceway. This local Senior Games is sanctioned by the Florida Sports Foundation and is a qualifier for the Florida State Championships.

Details and registration can be found at [www.gainesvillesportscommission.com](http://www.gainesvillesportscommission.com).

# Bike Cases

The club has three hard shell bike cases available for check out. They are managed by JD Donnelly. The best way to contact him is to text to (352) 243-6963. Pre-arranged pick-ups and drop-offs can be done at Super Cool Bike Shop.





**Gainesville Cycling Club, Inc.  
Income Statement June 30, 2023**

**General Club Operations**

Revenues	12,408.37	
Expenses	15,323.65	
Loss		(2,915.28)

**Gainesville Cycling Festival**

Revenues	23,744.00	
Expenses	23,159.58	
Surplus		584.42

**Jerseys**

Revenues	3,018.86	
Expenses	2,995.67	
Loss		23.19

**Major Donations**

Florida Bicycle Association	1,000.00	
League of American Bicyclists	500.00	
Other	35.00	
Loss		(1,535.00)

**Overall Loss (3,842.67)**

**Total Assets 22,817.82**

**Statement Notes**

The GCC had a down financial year in FY2023 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023).

The net income from the Gainesville Cycling Festival was disappointing, primarily due to competition from a competing event in Jacksonville.

As expected, the impact of forgiving dues for one year due to the pandemic shutdown has had an adverse affect on our results for the last two years.

In light of the continuing weakness in Festival results and increasing insurance costs, dues were increased this past spring.

We have adequate reserves to continue operations well into the future.

**Recent Years Overall Results**

FY 2022	(4,429.23)
FY 2021	(6,500.84)
FY 2020	(1,752.46)
FY 2019	5,819.20
FY 2018	1,767.80
FY 2017	(2,042.09)
FY 2016	4,423.48
FY 2015	234.75
FY 2014	4,865.40
FY 2013	(3,939.90)
FY 2012	1,978.27
FY 2011	3,509.37
FY 2010	(722.08)

Prior to this, we did not have a bookkeeper, and did not have comparable financial statements.

The GCC elects its Board of Directors each January. In our history, we have had two contested elections; all others have been by acclimation.

We invite all members (who will have been a member for at least a year by January 1) to compete for a position on the Board.

The Board consists of the officers of the Club, most of whom have specific assigned duties. The current Board will select up to 11 of the following positions to comprise the 2023 Board:

## **President**

Responsible for the overall operation of the Club. Conducts meetings of the Board of Directors and the general membership.

## **Vice President**

Assumes the duties of the President when the President is not available, and performs other duties as assigned by the President and/or the Board.

## **Secretary**

Maintains the legal records of the Club. Takes minutes at Board and Club meetings. Supervises the Historian.

## **Treasurer**

Maintains the financial records of the Club. Manages the Club funds. Manages the governmental requirements of the Club (annual corporate registration, sales tax, tax returns). Supervises the financial record keeping functions.

## **Chief of Staff**

Responsible for the day-to-day administrative operation of the Club. Performs or supervises the following functions: Membership Secretary, Membership Card Laminator, Bookkeeper, Webmaster, Data Base Manager, Web Content Manager, Warehouse Manager, News Editor, Advertising Manager, Jersey Manager, Bike Store Liaison, Email List Manager, Photographer, Insurance Manager, Bike Case Manager, Facebook Admins, Storekeeper.

## **Social Director**

Responsible for the overall process of supplying and staging GCC social events. Activities include proposing picnic and party dates and venues to the GCC Board, arranging for use of facilities at venues, coordinating with the Equipment and Supplies Manager and the Fluids Manager, finding a Venue Manager for each event, publicizing the event, and arranging for or providing a main course food item.

## **Ride Captain**

Supervises the riding programs of the Club. Performs or supervises the following functions: Club Safety Officer, Insurance Officer, Group Captains.

## **Gainesville Cycling Festival Director**

Puts on the Gainesville Cycling Festival. Supervises a vast staff of volunteers.

*There is no incumbent for this position.*

## **Brevet Administrator**

Puts on the Gainesville Brevet Series.  
*There is no incumbent for this position.*

## **Membership Services Director**

Contacts all new club members to welcome to them to the club and answer questions about how to participate in club activities.

## **Publicity Director**

Arranges for publicizing the Club and the Gainesville Cycling Festival. Produces advertising materials.

## **Member At Large**

This persons prepares to assume another position on the Board by observing and assisting for one term. Members are limited to one elected term in this position.

The Board meets monthly, currently on a Monday evening at 7 pm.

*Contact any Board Member if you are interested in running.*



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These businesses provide discounts to club members who present their yellow membership card:

Bikes & More	15%	373-6574	2113 NW 6 <sup>th</sup> Street	<a href="http://www.bikesandmoregainesville.com">www.bikesandmoregainesville.com</a>
BIKEternity	10%	860-428-9301	(Cycling tours)	<a href="https://biketernity.com/">https://biketernity.com/</a>
Chain Reaction	10%	373-4052	3409 West University Avenue	<a href="http://www.chainreactionbikes.com">www.chainreactionbikes.com</a>
Coach K Fitness	20%	246-5514		<a href="http://coachksp.com/">http://coachksp.com/</a>
G-DO REDO (plumbing)	10%	494-2695	8630 NW 35th Rd	<a href="http://plumbinggainesville.com/">http://plumbinggainesville.com/</a>
Gainesville Cycle	10%	374-2064	919 W University Ave	<a href="http://www.schwinnshop.com">www.schwinnshop.com</a>
Gainesville Eye	15%	333-1186	12921 SW 1 Road, Ste. 107	<a href="http://www.eyecare4all.com">http://www.eyecare4all.com</a>
Gainesville Wellness	15%	225-3610	4650 NW 39 <sup>th</sup> PL, Ste A	<a href="https://gwpfit.com">https://gwpfit.com</a>
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