

Interested in Playing Handball in Florida January 2016

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Interested in Handball and Florida in January 2016...contact Dave Laxton at 513-659-3584 or dlaxton@fuse.net.

In November, while discussing how much winter “sucked” and how cheap airfares were becoming, Rich Lofin, Larry Grey, Ron Rollinson, Darrell Bickford, and Dave Laxton decided to begin an annual tradition of fighting off the winter blues by basking in the warm sun (or bright casino lights) somewhere, besides here. So, in January (2016), they will welcome in the New Year by taking a handball excursion to the great state of Florida; enjoying the sun, seeing some local attractions, meeting with friends, drinking beer, and “Playing Handball.”

On the morning of January 4, Rich, Larry, and Dave will fly out of the Cincinnati Airport and arrive in Ft. Lauderdale at noon. Prior to their departure, Darrell will fly to Florida to visit family, and Ron plans to drive to South Carolina to spend time with his family. Then, Ron will pick up Darrell and meet the rest of the group at the airport.

The group rented a condo - on the beach - for Monday and Tuesday. Monday, they plan to begin their day by playing outdoor handball at Flamingo Park on Miami Beach; then spend the evening watching Jai Alia and drinking beer. Tuesday begins with breakfast at the condo, a trip to Hialeah Park, then handball on the beach (any beach). The day ends with Rich’s friend Greg (who owns a BBQ/catering business) treating them to a pig roast in a park (on a beach) - followed by heavy drinking.

Wednesday morning they start with an Airboat ride in the Everglades National Park, then drive on State Highway 41 to Naples. In the afternoon they plan to play handball at The Vines outdoor courts. In the evening – find a beach and drink some beer. Hopefully, they will meet up with other players (from the Cincinnati area) on Tuesday and/or Wednesday.

Thursday they plan to play at The Vines, or LA Fitness (indoors), or meet up with Gary Reece and play at the University of South Florida Athletic Center. In the evening, find a good restaurant, and drink some more beer.

On Friday Ron takes Darrell to the airport, then drives over to South Carolina to spend more time with his family; Rich picks up his wife at the airport for a couple extra days in Florida; Dave will spend an extra day in St. Petersburg; and Larry plans to stay another week in Florida playing golf with Bob Lohmueller and Ron Rosselot.

If anyone would like to join them on the trip, or meet them Florida, just call Rich to set it up.