



# Broward County Airboat, Halftrack and Conservation Club

Dedicated to Preserving the Everglades

## NEWSLETTER

October 2018

### *President's Letter*

Well fall is here and I am sure many of our club members are preparing for their favorite hunts. Please be safe out there and have fun. Speaking of hunting our Youth Hunting Program is gearing up for their first hunt in November, a Buck only Deer hunt in Istokpoga. Our Hunt Master Jason Freeman and his wife, Chrissy have been organizing and replacing worn out tree stands with the help of Sean McCann, Bill Sirola and John Storms. The Club voted at the last general meeting to fund the expense of the hunt and stocking our Hunt Trailer with a generator, grill and other miscellaneous items. Let's hope all of the youth harvest a nice buck.

Sometimes when I am speaking to non-club members I ask if they would like to join the BCAHCC and most of the time they say yes, and sometimes they say no. I then ask if they are actively airboating, hunting, fishing or engaging in any activity in the Everglades. If they answer yes, I tell them you should join a club, if not ours, then some other airboating or hunt club. I explain to them the clubs are the only ones who are fighting to keep Public Lands accessible. In essence, without their support, they will fold up and no one will be there to fight the good fight. Sometimes they ask what does the club do for me? I tell them what comes to mind. I want you to be able to tell them some things we do in case someone asks you. The BCAHCC is a member of other organizations; one is the Everglades Coordinating Council (ECC). They are very active in protecting Public Access to all of the Everglades. Not only the Broward portion but North, Central, South and Big Cypress regions. They meet each month and the members represent hundreds of years of Gladesmen life. If you would like to be part of this work, you can represent our club at those meetings. Last week, they sponsored a meeting for all hunters to see the results of a 4 year Deer Study that was carried out by the FWC, the Department of Interior, and the National Park Service; as well as, graduate students from several colleges. If you were not able to be there, you missed an exceptional meeting full of valuable information. The week before, there was a meeting held by the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, in Wellington. This meeting was to discuss a plan to increase the usage of this park. Many club members from around our area attended. The BCAHCC was well represented. So you might ask, what does that have to do with our club? The Arthur R Marshall Area 1 has been closed to airboats for at least 25 years. There was no hope of ever getting to airboat, deer hunt, frog hunt, or gator hunt in Area 1. Florida Sportsmen Conservation Association (FSCA), based in Palm Beach, spearheaded a clean-up program in this park 2 years ago. For the last 2 years, on Earth Day, club members of the airboating community were allowed access to this area, to remove and clean up research projects that had been abandoned. The National Park Service saw and appreciated what the clubs were doing and when the 5 year review of the park usage came up, the NPS are squarely on our side to be able to return to Arthur Marshall Area 1 on a limited basis. They are willing to open up 14,000 acres of the southernmost portion of the park to airboating, frogging, alligator hunting, deer hunting, and recreation. It will require a permit, but these are things BCAHCC and other clubs do for us. So next time someone asks what does the club do, mention these two as they are significant. There is also a Youth Hunting Program, as well as events for the entire family to attend.

October 27, 2018, there will be a Halloween Poker Run for the entire family. There will be a cash prize of \$50 for the best Adult Costume and \$25 for the best Youth Costume. Poker hands and a 50/50 drawing will be held. We will go for a ride and it is my hope to see you there. If you put in at the Stubb Canal, you may notice some changes at the ramp. Thank you, Pete Hora for everything you do for BCAHCC members.

The last item is the 2019 Airboat Show. Save the date of February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, at Bergeron Rodeo Grounds for the 31<sup>st</sup> World's Greatest Airboat Show and Festival. Hopefully you will enter your Boats, Buggies and Tracks for a chance to win a trophy. There are some changes coming, more about that as we get closer. See you at the last general meeting of the year on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, or the Halloween Poker Run Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, at your Boars Nest Camp. On behalf of your Executive Board, be safe out there and hope to see you soon.

*Bruce Ward*

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## Monthly Meetings

October 10<sup>th</sup> E-Board Meeting 7:00pm  
Davie Women's Club, 6551 Orange Drive

October 24<sup>th</sup> LAST General Meeting 7:00pm  
Davie Women's Club, 6551 Orange Drive  
Please arrive at 6:30 to get food and be ready.

October 27<sup>th</sup> Halloween Poker Run 10:00am  
Family friendly poker run. Costume contest,  
poker hands and 50/50 raffle. Meet at  
Boar's Nest at 10am.

February 9<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Buggy Show

Our Membership Drive will begin at October's  
Meeting



## Upcoming Youth Hunts

November 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Deer/Hog Hunt at Istokpoga

January 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Duck Hunt at STA 1W

January 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Duck Hunt at STA 1W

March 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Alligator Hunt at A1 FEB

March 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Alligator Hunt at STA 3/4

Interested youths can apply online at  
[www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com) select **Hunting** then **Youth  
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**Applicants must have completed Hunter's Safety  
Course and be Florida Residents to participate.**

4 FREE Hunter's Safety Courses being offered by FWC

**Broward County** Oct. 13 (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.)/ Oct. 28 (8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

**Martin County** Oct. 14 (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

**Monroe County** Oct. 7 (11 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

**Palm Beach County** Oct. 21 (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

The specific locations for these classes will be given to those who register in advance. Those interested in attending a course can register online and obtain information about [future hunter safety classes](http://futurehunter.safetyclasses.com) at MyFWC.com/HunterSafety or by calling the FWC's regional office in West Palm Beach at 561-625-5122

# IN CASE YOU MISSED THE MEETING:



Membership Drawing:

Worth \$69.79

Glen Checchi was drawn

but not in attendance

Rolled over until next meeting

Bill Ashe

won the 50/50 Raffle

\$79

Congrats to our big winner!







# 30TH ANNUAL

February 9th 11am-11pm      February 10th 10am-5pm

## AIRBOAT SHOW & FESTIVAL

Bergeron Rodeo Grounds \* 4271 Davie Road \* Davie FL

# SAVE THE DATE

# The Broward County Airboat Halftrack Conservation Club's



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# RAFFLE

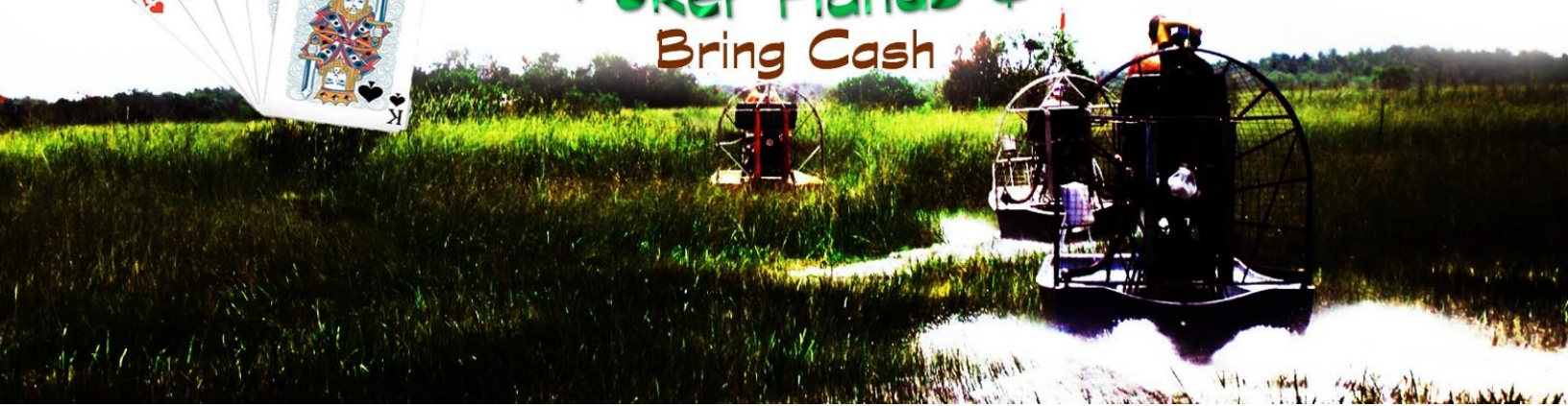


Starting at Boar's Nest Camp  
Lunch will be provided by the club  
Saturday October 27th at 10am

**Costume Contest**  
**Adult 1st Prize \$50**  
**Kid 1st Prize \$25**



**Poker Hands & 50/50 Raffle**  
Bring Cash





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**CURRENT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

**(Renewals Only)**

CURRENT YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Type**

**YEAR YOU JOINED THE CLUB:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Single Membership (\$35 Dues)

\_\_\_\_\_ Family Membership (\$50 Dues)

\_\_\_\_\_ Life Member (Please update your information below and return)

**Primary Member**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Secondary Member (\*Family Membership Only)**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING Address** \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation and Employer** (Please update your information for our directory)

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be added to our Club Member Directory? YES NO

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Do you belong to any other clubs? Which Ones? \_\_\_\_\_  
**Circle all that apply to you**

Airboat      Off Road Vehicle      Wheel Buggy      Full Track Buggy      Half Track Buggy

Camp Owner      Boating      Hunting      Fishing      Other \_\_\_\_\_

**The Club has many functions during the year. Please circle from the list below that you would be interested in helping with.**

Airboat Show      Banquet      Cook Outs Fundraising      Club Trailer (Retail Sales)

Attending Conservation Meetings      Picnic Island Maintenance      Club Camp Maintenance  
Public Information      Parades      Youth Hunts      Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return with dues payable to: **Broward County Airboat, Halftrack and Conservation Club**  
For Office Use Only

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Method of Payment \_\_\_\_\_



We are finishing up our club website, where you will have the capability to renew your membership and pay online.

Stay tuned for our big launch announcement!



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**In 2019 we will also have a member business directory on our website!**