



Broward County Airboat, Halftrack and Conservation Club

Dedicated to Preserving the Everglades

NEWSLETTER

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Well here we are halfway through the year, and the beginning of Hurricane season. If there are things you should do to make your residence more storm resistant, now is the time to prepare. If you are needing expert advice on windows, doors, roofing, electrical, plumbing, water systems, etc. look no further than your own Broward County Airboat Halftrack and Conservation Club. Look at the end of this newsletter and members have listed their businesses so you can contact them. If you do not find what you need, give us a call, maybe we can get you in contact with a reliable person.

Next is some very sad news for our Club. Charles Morehead III who was a very well accomplished and respected Lawyer and Past President of our club passed away. He was an avid airboater, hunter, and defender of our rights to be in the Everglades. When I first posted the news on our Facebook page, I started receiving calls from around the state. They were in disbelief, because he was so young and he was such a good friend to them. Each and every one had a story to tell me how Charles helped them in their time of need, and at no charge. I must also admit even with the seriousness of matter somehow they all were laughing at how he was able to get them out of the fix they were in. Charles and Craig Eiken were very instrumental in securing the leases for the Everglades Historical Camp Owners. This is how the original leases for all of the camps, including our Boars Nest Camp was made possible. Charles was married to Debbie, and has two sons, Charles, Parker and a Daughter named Chandler. His son Parker is a member of our Club, and at this year's Broward and Palm Beach Airboat Shows his boat won Best of Show. Charles was very proud of this. The Airboats name is "Lost In Paradise" and it truly is a beautiful boat. There was a celebration of Life for Charles Sat. June 1st at Hughes Catering 4351 NE 12 Terrace, in Oakland Park,. Many of our Club Members attended, and we sent flowers that Doris McGee prepared. They were beautiful and was displayed in the main hall.

There was also a Town of Davie, "Take A Kid Fishin' Rodeo" Sat. June 1st for children 5-12 years old. The cost was \$10 per child, which included bait, lunch and a goody bag and T-Shirt. It was held at Davie Golf and Country Club 8201 Nova Drive. Our club members participated as judges and the Town of Davie was very appreciative of our efforts. You may have seen the video on Facebook. Thanks Nate

Saturday June 8th there was an Airboat Show in Lake Okeechobee, at the J.S. Fish Camp. Our club members who attended were wearing our Red Club Shirts and we were very well received by the organizers and other clubs there. We made the drive to show our support for the clubs who are trying to raise money for their Youth and Veterans programs. We had 10 members who supported their show.

Thursday June 13th, The Greater Broward Friends of the NRA had their Annual Banquet and Raffles at the Signature Grand. If you visit this website (<http://greaterbrowardfriendsofnra.org>) you can learn about all of the good work this group does for Broward County Youth. They gave away \$56,000 to youth programs in Broward. We had 23 members there, and 4 of them won guns in the raffles. We were also prominently displayed on the giant screen throughout the show for our support of their efforts. Thanks Frank Kirlin and Doug Sensenig for letting us be a part of this wonderful event.

July 12th and 13th the FAA is having their Unity Weekend in Okeechobee at the KOA Campground. If you would like to attend, call Bill Sirola. There will be an Airboat Ride on Saturday. Bring your airboat and see Lake Okeechobee, like a Native Floridian.

BCAHCC will be having a Trash Fish Tournament July 20th in Area 2A. So get your fresh Water Fishing license and get your tackle ready. The only fish we do not consider a trash fish other than native species is the Peacock Bass and Carp. More rules to come but it should start at 8 AM and end at Noon. A fish fry will happen after the tournament. Keep looking on our website and Facebook for more information.

I want to thank everyone who attended or made possible our Airboat Show Appreciation Picnic. It was a great Day with good food and weather. Special Thanks to Jason and Chrissy Freeman, Bill and Dianne Sirola, Dan and Sherry Cimas, Chris and Kristen Andrews, Buddha and Kellie Corey, Bill Lewis, Gregory Grubb and if I have left someone out, and I sure I have, Thanks to everyone for doing all of the things you do

Bruce Ward
President
BCAHCC



Monthly Meetings

July 10th E-Board Meeting 7:00pm
Davie Women's Club, 6551 Orange Drive

July 24th Annual Meeting 7:00pm
Davie Women's Club, 6551 Orange Drive
Please arrive at 6:30 to get food and be ready
Elections will be held on this day for members in
good standing.

July 12th & 13th FAA Unity Weekend-
KOA Campground in Okeechobee
Call Bill Sirola for more information

July 20th BCAHCC Trash Fish Tournament
8am- Area 2A
Get your Freshwater License to participate,
fish fry to follow tournament.

Visit our website www.BrowardAirboat.org
for all of our event listings



Istokpoga- October 25th-27th, 2019

Duck Hunt at STA 1 - January 18th-19th, 2020

Trail Ridge- March 20th-22nd, 2020

Gator Hunt at STA 3/4- April 3rd-5th, 2020

Youths interested in participating in these types
of hunts can apply online at www.myfwc.com
select Youth then Youth Opportunities

*Applicants must have completed the Hunter's
Safety Course and be Florida Residents in order
to participate.*

Looking for more information, reach out to our
Youth Hunt Coordinator Jason Freeman at (954)
624-5195 and he will be happy to help.

Do you have something that would
make a great addition to our
website?



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FWC Python Action Team removes 500th Burmese python



The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Python Action Team has removed the program's 500th invasive Burmese python from the wild. Team members Beth Koehler and Peggy van Gorder captured the snake at 1:15 a.m. on Tuesday, June 25 at Everglades and Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area. It was a 9' 10" long female and weighed 20 pounds, 14 ounces.

"Thanks to the hard-working men and women of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, hundreds of invasive Burmese pythons have been removed from the Everglades and our ecosystem," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "As we celebrate this significant milestone, my administration will continue to prioritize the protection of our environment, natural resources and wildlife, which are at the heart of our economy and our way of life here in Florida."

"The capture of the 500th snake by our Python Action Team marks a significant

milestone for this program," said Eric Sutton, Executive Director of the FWC. "Governor DeSantis has been instrumental in keeping this topic a priority. We're proud of the great work that these men and women do every day, and it would not be possible without support from the Governor and Legislature."

The FWC designed the Python Action Team to further engage qualified individuals with python management efforts. Team members are paid for their efforts to survey for and, when possible, capture Burmese pythons in specific areas throughout many public lands in South Florida.

Occasionally, the FWC receives reports of large nonnative constrictors through the Exotic Species Hotline (888-IVEGOT1). If available, Python Action Team members are sent to capture it and prevent new populations from establishing in new areas.

Burmese pythons became established in Florida as a result of escaped or released pets. People should never release nonnative pets in the wild in Florida. It is illegal and can negatively impact native wildlife and habitat. The FWC has an Exotic Pet Amnesty Program that allows nonnative pets to be surrendered without penalty. Visit MyFWC.com/PetAmnesty for more information.

For more information about the FWC's Python Action Team, visit MyFWC.com/Python.

(Article credit FWC.org)

UPCOMING FWC Sponsored Events

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is offering a free **Nature Coast Fishing for Youth program in Cedar Key** for youth between the ages of 5 and 15. Programs will be held every **Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, beginning June 4 through July 25 (except for July 4), at the Senator George G. Kirkpatrick Marine Laboratory, 11350 SW 153rd Court. **Advance registration is required**; no walk-ins will be accepted.

All participants of the free program will learn fishing basics, the importance of habitats to fish species, proper fish handling and release techniques, and fish identification. Participants will spend time fishing on-site. An adult chaperone is required to attend the entire program with children age 8 and under. Youth and chaperones should bring their own lunch, sunscreen, hat and any personal fishing gear desired, although fishing gear will be provided for those who need it. Upon completing the program, participants will receive a rod and reel donated by Fish Florida.

For details and to pre-register, contact Hannah Healey at 352-543-1079 or Hannah.Healey@MyFWC.com.

Become a HuntMaster

August 23rd-25th at Ocala Youth Conservation Center- 7325 NE 170th Avenue, Silver Springs FL 34488. For more information contact Tyler Allen with FWC at Tyler.Allen@myfwc.com

Becoming an Outdoor Woman (BOW)

November 15th-17th, 2019 at Ocala Youth Conservation Center- 7325 NE 170th Avenue, Silver Springs FL 34488 for more information contact Susan Harrass with FWC at Susan.harrass@myfwc.com

Or

February 7th-9th, 2020 at Everglades Youth Conservation Camp- 12100 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road, WPB 33412 for more information contact Susan Harrass with FWC at Susan.harrass@myfwc.com



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