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President's Message

WOW... This year flew by so fast, I just can't believe its December and Christmas already.

This year the club had another great year with an expansion of our youth hunting program, adding several more hunts to the calendar. I would like to thank John Storms for his ongoing leadership of that program, which has produced several more Hunt Masters for our club. They are beginning to take on hunts of their own and doing an outstanding job. Thanks to all that are involved in this program; from guiding, cooking, and overall donation of their time and efforts. They have truly made this program second to none in the State of Florida we should be very proud of all of these folks.

This year has also proved to be a winning year on an ongoing issue with the target shooting. We had an incident in our management area, which we have fought 3 years for that ended with the loss of a life in a terrible accident involving a target shooter. FWC currently has a rule change going thru the channels of approval that has been met with positive resolve and looks to be heading for passage after the first of the year. With this rule change, hunters and recreational users of the areas will see no change to the lifestyle these areas have been accustomed to for years. It will affect only the target shooters themselves; in fact, it will give law enforcement the tools they need to enforce this new rule. This has been a hard fought battle that we can now say is a win for sportsman, who can ride the area and sit in there deer stands without the risk of being struck by a stray bullet. Thanks to everyone that gave their time and efforts in bringing this to its conclusion.

The year also brought two separate 100 year floods to the areas, along with a hurricane that brought with them some of the highest water levels on record! At this time the areas have just been reopened to the public and the hope is the fur bearing animals have weathered the storms with minimal stress and will live on to see another summer. When you venture back out in the areas, please keep in mind the stress these animals have already endured and be cautious while riding in their homes. We always want to be the good stewards of the areas and respectful to them and each other.

This past weekend we hosted our Merry Grinchmas Poker Run on a beautiful day in the woods. The day saw lots of fun if you attended, if not there is a great video of the day posted on our Facebook page, courtesy of Nate Fisher (Florida Gladesmen). If you weren't able to make it there, you missed a great time so mark your calendar's for next year's runs.

After the New Year we will once again ramp up planning for our 2018 BCAHCC Annual Airboat show and festival at the Bergeron Rodeo grounds in Davie, Florida. This year, the event is on Saint Patrick's Day Weekend (March 17th-18th) and we will have a "Pot of Gold Blast" drawing, which will see one lucky person take home \$1000.00 in cash, for entering their boat or buggy in the show. If you are interested in helping us out next year, come on out to a meeting and get your name on a list to help out. This year is setup to bring some new changes that will make our show the best in the land.

In conclusion I would just like to wish everyone out there a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Always be safe out there,

Brett Holcombe

President BCAHCC



Monthly Meetings

January 10th

E-Board Meeting at 7pm

Davie Women's Club, 6651 Orange Drive

January 17th

Airboat Show Committee Meeting at 7pm

Davie Women's Club, 6651 Orange Drive

January 24th

General Membership Meeting at 7pm

Please arrive around 6:30 to get food and be ready.

Davie Women's Club, 6651 Orange Drive

Other Events and Upcoming Hunting Season

February (date TBD) Snipe Hunt

February 24th & 25th

Palm Beach Airboat, Halftrack Conservation Club's
Airboat and Swamp Buggy Show
South Florida Fairgrounds- 9067 Southern Blvd.

February 28th 11am

Everglades Conservation and Sportsman Club's
68th Annual Wild Hog BBQ
50940 Loop Road, Ochopee FL

March 17th- 18th

BCAHCC Annual Buggy Show at Bergeron Rodeo Grounds

August 25th

BCAHCC Annual Banquet at Tropical Acres Steakhouse

2017-2018 Florida Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits

Click [HERE](#) to visit calendar for details.

2017-2018 Florida Migratory Bird Hunting Season Dates

Click [HERE](#) to visit calendar for details



Upcoming Youth Events

FWC Youth Hunt Program of Florida

Open to Kids ages 12 to 17

Must have completed Hunter's Safety Course
and be accompanied by a parent or guardian
Click link below for more information

[FWC Youth Hunt Program](#)

January 6th-7th STA1W Duck Hunt

Huntmaster Bo Moyer

January 13th- 14th STA1W Duck Hunt

Huntmaster Bo Moyer

March 23rd- 25th STA3/ STA4 Alligator Hunt

Huntmaster Jason Freeman

April 6th-8th STA2 Alligator Hunt

Huntmaster Jon Paul Conti

Anyone interested in assisting in any of these hunts, please contact the Huntmaster listed for particular hunt. Each hunt will need 5 guides and the alligator hunts will need an additional 5 assistants to make the hunts a success.



Merry Grinchmas Poker Run

Like our Facebook page to see all the photos

Its approaching renewal time... 2018 Memberships need to be renewed in January. We have restructured our application forms and ask that EVERYONE (including Life Members) complete the application in full so that our records can be updated.

There are now 2 Application forms, 1 is for NEW MEMBERS ONLY and the other one is for RENEWALS. The forms are also being added to our website for convenient online renewals, and will be available in the beginning of the New Year. As soon as it is running, we will post an update. Forms will also be uploaded to the Facebook page.

To remind you, as a paid member you are invited to be included in our membership directory. This is a great way to advertise your business and network among friends. We will be reorganizing our directory as well, so please make sure to update your company information if you would like to be included.

LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT GIFT FOR YOUR LITTLE SPORTSMAN?

Governor Rick Scott has made an [Announcement](#) encouraging Florida's youth to participate in conservation activities by reducing the Lifetime Sportsman License fees by **25%** until December 31, 2017. The License can be purchased at the county tax collector's office or online at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com

The Everglades are FINALLY OPEN... The FWC has rescinded the restrictions on the Francis S. Taylor and Holey Land WMAs. They were officially opened on December 21st. Rotenberger WMA remains closed due to high water levels.

Job Opportunity OPS Fisheries & Wildlife Biological Scientist IV located in Davie, Florida... FWC is currently posting job opportunities for OPS-Fisheries & Wildlife Scientist IV & Interagency Python Management Coordinator. Bulletin information is available on the FWC website or by clicking [HERE](#)



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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 _____ / _____ / _____

Secondary Member (*Family Membership Only)

Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ 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**

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Date Approved _____ / _____ / _____ Method of Payment _____



The Fulltrack Conservation Club of Dade County's

SHOTGUN RAFFLE



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Winner will be drawn at the Broward Airboat Club's Buggy Show

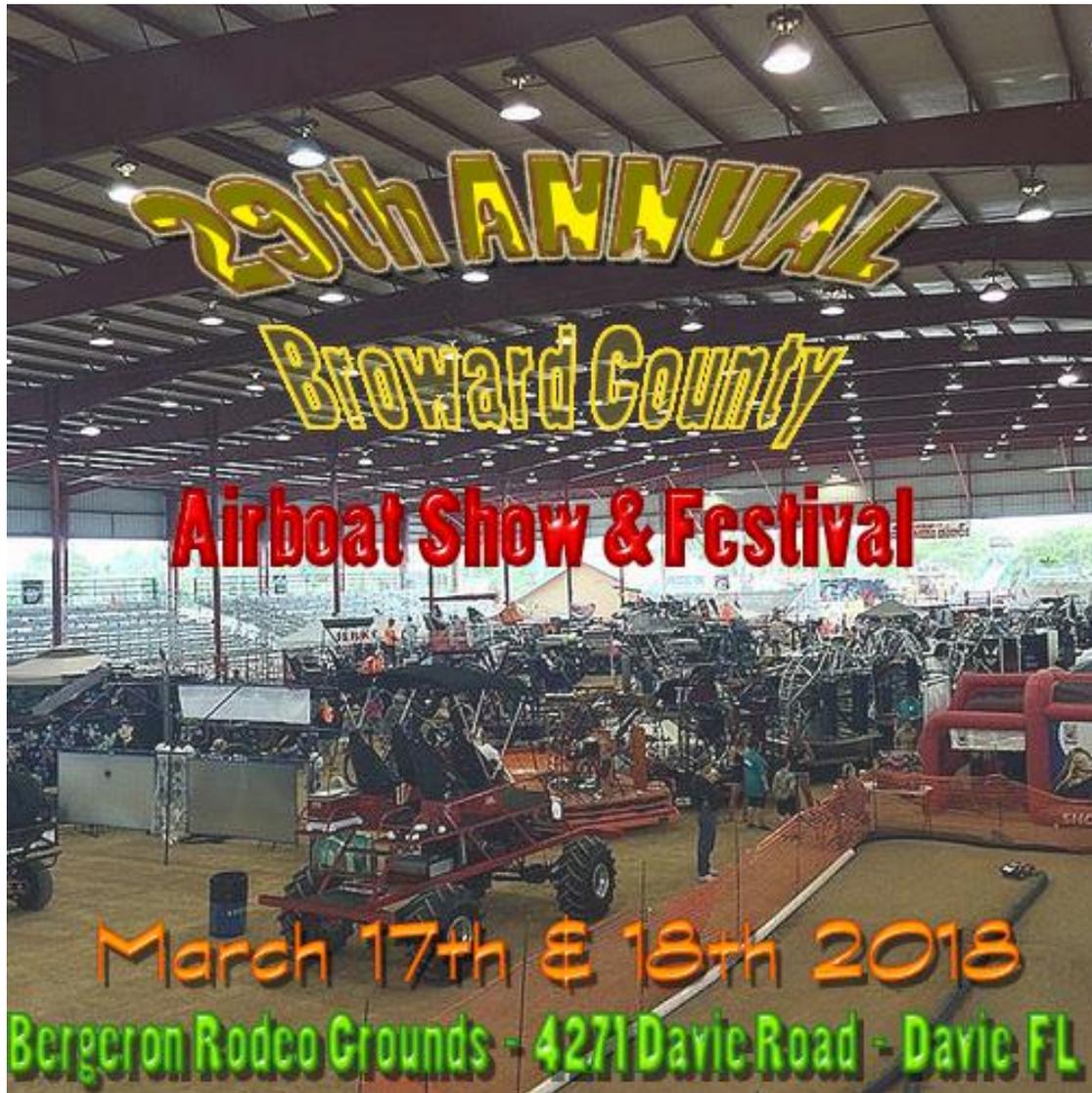
March 18, 2018 at 2pm at Bergeron Rodeo Grounds

Winner Need Not Be Present

Winner must pass federal background check to receive firearm.

Tickets available through club members, and at Buggy Show Event

Call John Rosier (954) 806-6323 for more information



Our Next Show Meeting is on January 17, 2018. If you are interested in helping out at this event, please come to the meeting.

Membership Business Directory

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Airboater's Code of Ethics

1. I will respect the rights of all users of the recreational waterways of the State of Florida, on public waters and on adjacent private property.
2. I will be considerate and courteous at public vessel launch ramps and docks. In an effort not to disturb other boaters, I will launch and retrieve my vessel promptly.
3. I will always operate at a safe speed in posted "No Wake" zones.
4. When approaching the shoreline, I will be especially aware of swimmers and other water vessels near the shoreline.
5. I realize that my vessel's equipment, ability, weather conditions, and especially other vessel traffic should determine my vessel speed.
6. In case of an emergency, I will volunteer assistance.
7. I am aware that my vessel creates air propeller wash and will use idle speed near the shoreline and in the close proximity to boat ramps.
8. I will ensure that all passengers in my vessel are equipped with safety equipment, including life vests and required safety equipment.
9. I will avoid unnecessary disturbance of wildlife and will not enter posted "No Trespass" areas.
10. I will pay close attention to the engine sound levels that my vessel may create and be aware of how others on the shoreline will react to it.
11. I will not litter and will bring back all trash. I will be careful in handling my fuel.
12. I will not interfere with or harass others. I realize that people will judge all airboaters by my individual actions.