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President's Message

Hope that everyone is doing well.

We are working hard on updating the Club's Membership Roster. If you have not done so, please take a moment to complete the online form. Even if you are a LIFE member, please complete the form. We would like to make sure that everyone is included on the information the club has to offer, as well as upcoming events.

This is the 2nd edition of the new Newsletter, if there is any information that you would like to have included, if your information has changed, or if you are receiving this in your mailbox rather than electronically please email BrowardAirboatClubNews@Gmail.com and we will update it immediately.

October is the last General Meeting of 2017 before the club goes dark for hunting season. The club store will be there and open for business. The newsletter and social media will always be the best source for the most current information. Our website is in the process of being updated and our Facebook page continues to provide news and information (search and like @browardairboatclub)

As we enter into hunting season, please continue to check on the FWC website for the most current information on closures and regulations pertaining to the areas. Please feel free to share your trophy pictures with us.

FWC has opened a comments section in regards to their proposed rule changes, which is included in the article section. Remember these comments are public record.

Saturday October 28th is the Ghosts and Goblins Poker Run. Poker Hands and 50/50 Raffle Tickets will be available for purchase. Come on out and have a great time with your fellow club members. Don't forget to bring your Cash!

The 29th Annual Buggy Show will be on Saturday March 17th and Sunday March 18th 2018 at Bergeron Rodeo Grounds. If you are interested in volunteering there is a sign up at the bottom of the newsletter.

Next Month our President will return with his traditional letter.

Thanks for your patience

Jennifer Green (Newsletter Editor)



Monthly Meeting

October 25th

Last 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 Seasons

October 28th 10am

Ghosts and Goblins Poker Run at Boar's Nest Camp

Poker Hands & 50 / 50 Raffle (flyer included in newsletter)

FWC Python Pickup Program

Help remove Burmese Pythons and enter to win prizes.

Visit myfwc.com or click on logo below.



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

B.O.W. Workshop (Becoming an Outdoor Woman)

October 27th-29th Ocala

2018 February 16th-18th- West Palm Beach

Fee: \$200 Early Registration Discount available

MyFWC.com/BOW

Free Waterfowl Hunting Workshop

November 4th 9am-5pm

Palm Bay Police Department

For more information on either workshop, please contact

Biologist Mark McBride @ 321-726-2862 or Captain Jeff

Kraynik at (321) 863-9182



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](#)

November 3rd- 5th Istipoga Flood Plain Deer and Hog Hunt
Huntmaster Dylan Naftal

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.

If you know of any events, please email them to BrowardAirboatClubNews@gmail.com to be included in the Newsletter

29th Annual Buggy Show- March 17th & 18th 2018

FWC Addressed the Target Shooting Issue in the ECWMA & They Want You To Comment

FWC is working to end the target shooting happening out in the ECWMA that is causing safety concerns and destruction of the property.

House Bill 45 was introduced and passed with intention of unifying gun regulations and prohibiting any county, city, town or municipal ordinances from enforcing stronger gun regulations than the rest of the state.

All existing rules related to the use of firearms that are not associated with hunting/shooting ranges had to be adjusted or removed to be compliant with House Bill 45. This included the removal of FWC's general rule prohibiting target shooting and test firing on WMA's.

According to FL Statute 790.15 the discharge of a firearm is prohibited, except in public places open for hunting. While it is never recommended, it is also not expressly prohibited; therefore leaving law enforcement with little to no ability to restrict the target shooters.

FWC is proposing a rule change to close all of the levees, parking areas, boat ramps, power pads, and access roads associated with the levees for hunting, which would then make target shooting prohibited.



Currently the FWC is accepting Public Comments on this issue. Click [HERE](#) to comment on the proposed changes. (Note: it is located in the South Region Management area tab, then each WMA is listed with the proposal at the bottom of the list.) Please remember that these comments are public record.

Hunting without a Quota Permit

Did you know there are WMA's that you can hunt without a quota permit? These areas can be hunted during Archery, Muzzleloader, and General Gun Seasons.

Visit [THIS LINK](#) from FWC to find out hunting opportunities, access requirements and regulations, season dates and maps for each area.

The Curbelo-Moulton Bill (H.R. 3999) and what you should know about it.

In the wake of the Las Vegas tragedy, a bill has been introduced to "ban the manufacture, sale and use of bump stocks" This bill is being structured in what is referred to as "Noah's Ark" style meaning members would have to have a co-sponsor from the opposing party. There are currently 20 pairs of co-sponsors in support of this bill.

According to the Organization, The Three Percenters, ([Thethreeperceters.org](#)) The vague wording on this bill could indirectly implement a blanket ban on nearly every semi-automatic rifle system in existence. The majority of factory and aftermarket components available for semiautomatic rifle platforms are designed to improve the performance of the rifle, allowing the shooter to more effectively place rounds on the target in a shorter time span (which would increase the rate of fire).

Possession of virtually all magazines, aftermarket triggers, buffers, buffer springs and a variety of other components could be immediately rendered illegal. After the 90 day amnesty period, nearly every owner of a semiautomatic rifle with a magazine would be immediately classified as a criminal.

However you feel about this proposed bill, it is your responsibility to educate yourself. You can click the hyperlink to view the [ENTIRE BILL HR 3999](#).

A petition is also being circulated to try and prevent this bill from being signed into law.

Sign the petition [HERE](#)

The Broward County Airboat Halftrack Conservation Club's



RUN

Saturday October 28th at 10am

Starting at Boar's Nest Camp

Costume Contest

Bring Cash



Poker Hands & 50/50 Raffle

Lunch will be provided by the club





If you are interested in volunteering, we can always use your help. Please click on and complete the [VOLUNTEER SIGN UP FORM](#).

We appreciate anyone that is willing to volunteer because it is the hard work from the club members that directly contributes to the event's success.

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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.