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President's Message

Hopefully everyone is doing well through this very active hurricane season. From Harvey flooding Texas to Irma wreaking havoc across Florida. FWC deployed over 100 personnel and a variety of boats and mobile command centers to assist in rescue efforts in Texas.



According to NBC, over 500 rescues were made by FWC. Similar efforts were conducted to rescue victims of Irma. With Hurricane Maria pushing through Puerto Rico right now, all we can do is continue to pray for the safety of all those impacted and help whenever we can. Please remain prepared as the storms appear to continuously develop.

Boar's Nest survived the storm ok; however, Picnic Island was not as fortunate. The dock has been completely destroyed.

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Club Banquet a good time was had by all. Congratulations to all who received awards for their contributions to the club and their efforts in conservation. A huge thank you to the volunteers for their hard work organizing this great event! To see photos of the event, check out our Facebook page [@browardairboatclub](https://www.facebook.com/browardairboatclub).

If you have content you would like to include in the newsletter, please email it to BrowardAirboatClubNews@gmail.com

Also, please [Click Here](#) to update your contact information.

Next month, we will resume the regular President's message.



Monthly Meetings

September 13th

E-Board Meeting at 7pm

Davie Women's Club, 6651 Orange Drive

September 27th

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

2017-2018 Florida Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits

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

2017-2018 Florida Migratory Bird Hunting Season Dates

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If you know of any events, please email them to

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to be included in the Newsletter



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.

FWC Addressed the Target Shooting Issue in the ECWMA

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

At the last club meeting, FWC was present to present their proposed rule change as a solution to this matter.

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.

If this rule is passed, the FWC would like to recruit clubs like BCAHCC to help spread the word, post signs, and help educate people that target shooting will no longer be tolerated at the WMAs.

Python Pickup Program



Help the FWC and Win Prizes

The FWC has designed an incentive program to encourage the public to help remove Burmese Pythons from the Everglades and report the locations to them.

People who successfully remove a python and submit proof will be entered into the monthly prize drawing as well as the grand prize drawing sometime in 2018. Monthly prizes include: snake hooks, customized Yeti tumblers, GoPro cameras and more. One Grand prize winner will receive a Lifetime Sportsman License.

Pythons can be removed from private lands, with landowner permission and the following Commission Managed Areas, except where posted "Closed to Public Access":

Allapattah Flats WMA, Allapattah Flats SGA, C-23/24 Reservoir SGA, CREW WEA, Dinner Island Ranch WMA, Dupuis SGA, Everglades and Francis S. Taylor WMA, Fisheating Creek, Frog Pond North SGA, Holey Land WMA, J. W. Corbett WMA, John C. and Mariana Jones/Hungryland WEA, John G. and Susan H. Dupuis Jr. WEA, Picayune Strand WMA, Rocky Glades SGA, Rotenberger WMA, Southern Glades WEA, Spirit-of-the-Wild WMA, STA 1 West SGA, STA 2 SGA, STA 3/4 SGA, STA 5 SGA

Big Cypress National Preserve- Only during hunting seasons and hunting license and WMA Permit are required.

Pythons may be captured or euthanized in compliance with state and local regulations.

Proof of capture (2 photos) is required for entry. One of humanely euthanized python, and the other showing both the snake and GPS location with date and time visible.

Please visit the [FWC website](#) for more information.

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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.