



Broward County Airboat, Halftrack and Conservation Club

Dedicated to Preserving the Everglades

NEWSLETTER

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President's Letter

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Here we are in the 11th Month of 2019. This year has gone by rather fast. I am happy to report the Club continues to grow and improve. I want to thank everyone who has stepped up to the plate to make all of our events happen, increasing membership, and helping make the changes that needed to be made. There has been much work done over the years by Past Presidents, Executive Boards, Membership and even some Non-Members to make the Club what it is today. For that we are eternally grateful. However, I think we can all agree times are changing and the club is having to adapt.

In the past, our club had a several common threads, most members hunted, most had airboats or tracks, some had camps and most lived relatively close to or in Broward County. I do not have to tell you all of that has changed. Thanks to the python, questionable water management, closing hunting or track seasons; many of our current and past members hunt other places, mostly out of state. With the cost of living, and traffic congestion increased in Broward, some of our members who were always a great support for the club have moved north. The Town of Davie, who we have always considered our home base, is under construction. They are developing a college town instead of horse and sportsman friendly town. Even Davie's City Hall is scheduled to be demolished as well as the Woman's Club where we meet. So, as I mentioned at the top of this message things are changing and rather rapidly.

The good news is we have a membership who still supports our culture and our way of life. It will be tougher to survive many of these changes, but our commitment is strong. As I said, membership is growing, many new members have a fresh set of eyes on our issues. Thanks to our membership, all of our programs are intact and our youth programs are not suffering. There are some changes in how we do things, but we are adapting.

If you have a child that attends Everglades Youth Conservation Camp, make sure you contact Bill Sirola before you register your child. There are some changes to how our scholarships work. Our finance committee has some new requirements. Thanks again to our Members who work so hard for the Club.

We had a few events recently I want to tell you about. First, was our Ghost and Goblins Halloween Poker Run. I personally had one of the best times that day that I can remember. It started rather slow with just a few boats at first. I thought it might be a disaster, as we had just had our Memorial Run a few weeks prior to this event. Well, I can say it started slow, but we continued all day picking up airboaters along the way. Over 20 more! We had food prepared for us by Bill Lewis around 11am, then we took off, we actually rode over 50 miles. We stopped at Williard's and they opened the camp, then we stopped at Loxahatchee Hilton and they opened the camp. We even picked up Little John Phillipsborn as a guide. He took us on trails I had not been on in over 15 years. We stopped at Ramblin Rose and the camp was open, Greg Blake his wife and Robert Mc Donald's (Coon Dog) grandson were there. After checking out the construction and some old pictures, we left and went to 4 Moons Camp, they opened up for us. Flat Top Rob told us there were guys at Rubber Tree Camp that had been trying to catch up with us. We went there and Rob Ellsmiller opened the camp to us and even tried to feed us their special Pork Chops, what great hospitality. Danny Williard and Seth Green arrived and how about that for a special day. We stayed there for a while and headed back to Boar's Nest. Guess what, three more boats waiting for us. About 6pm, Bill Lewis fires up the grill and it is time to eat again. Thanks Bill for all of the cooking you did that day! We finally got back to the Stubb Canal Ramp and it was dark thirty. What a day with great people and seeing old friends, thanks to the camp owners for inviting our Members and guest into your Swamp Homes. What a great Day. If you missed it, I am truly sorry, I do not know if we will ever be that lucky again. I have been doing these Poker Runs for over 20 years, I can't remember one that enjoyed more than this one.

The club's funding made possible a Deer/Hog Youth Hunt at Istapoga. As I mentioned before this hunt has historically been a very expensive hunt for our club. It was in danger of being cut from our list of youth hunts by the Finance Committee. I want to personally thank the Committee Chair and members for cutting the cost of this hunt of over 66 percent. Making some hard and difficult decisions to make it happen. What are the results, well 6 young boys and girls with their parents and all of our volunteers had three days in the woods. They harvested two bucks and a hog. Unfortunately, everyone was exposed to the dark side of hunting as poachers showed up on the property, this can mess up anyone's hunt, fortunately FWC made one arrest and not only was that person part of a poaching ring, they had the misfortune of being on Railroad Property when they were arrested. Can you say Federal Violation? See ya wouldn't want to be ya! I am sorry this happened, but fortunately our Huntmaster was able to get three animals harvested before the poachers showed up. Congratulations to our Youth Hunters and our Volunteers.

As we head into December, it is the Executive Board's hope that everyone has a Happy and safe Holiday Season. The Club is dark in December, but the E-Board Members, the Airboat Show Committee and the Finance Committee continues to meet and do business for the Broward County Airboat Halftrack and Conservation Club. We are happy to serve, but we need you and your family and friends support so we can make good things happen in 2020.

You will be receiving in the mail your dues notice, hopefully you will send them in as soon as you can. We appreciate your support and you can be part of anything our club does and we welcome your thoughts on how to improve anything we do. I hope your Thanksgiving is the best one you ever had.

Bruce Ward
President
BCAHCC



December 11th, E-Board Meeting
Davie Women's Club, 6551 Orange Drive

January 4, 2020 Dade/Broward Poker Run
Save the Date More Details to follow

January 11, 2020 Jim Bowles
Memorial Tree Planting
Save the Date More Details to follow

March 28th-29th, 2020
Airboat Show & Festival

Please check your mail in December as we will
be starting our Membership Drive for 2020!



STA Duck Hunt- January 18th-19th

Trail Ridge Hunt- March 20th-22nd

STA 3/4 Gator Hunt- April 3rd-5th

To apply for one of these hunts, please visit the FWC
website to register or [click here](#).

Youth must have passed the Hunter's Safety course to
participate. FWC also offers many opportunities to
complete the required Hunter's Safety course, [click here](#)
for a list of course schedules.

*For more information on hunts or if you are interested in
becoming a Huntmaster, please contact Jason Freeman,
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UPCOMING FWC Sponsored Events

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

FWC: Gov. DeSantis’ Bolder, Brighter, Better Future budget recommendations continue to support conservation initiatives

Today, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Executive Director Eric Sutton applauded Gov. Ron DeSantis for his Bolder, Brighter, Better Future budget recommendations for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

The budget will continue to fund high priority conservation items like invasive python eradication, red tide research, and coral reef disease response and restoration.

“This proposed budget solidifies Gov. DeSantis’ commitment to environmental initiatives,” Sutton said. “We appreciate his bold leadership in supporting these efforts and maintaining vibrant ecosystems for fish and wildlife as well as residents and visitors.”

Budget highlights:

- \$9.9 million to combat Invasive Species, which includes an additional \$1 million for python removal.
- \$3 million for the State Reef Fish Survey to estimate reef fishery populations.
- \$1.9 million for Red Tide Research, which includes two dedicated staff.
- \$4 million for Mechanical Removal of Invasive Plants.
- \$2.4 for Coral Reef Disease Response and Restoration.

\$600,000 to Combat Wildlife Disease.

A wild turkey twist on a Thanksgiving tradition

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, everyone is starting to think about turkeys. Those hosting friends and family for the holiday feast are exploring ways to prepare the main course. An interesting option is to go organic by serving wild turkey for Thanksgiving.

Wild turkey populations are abundant and provide sustainable hunting opportunities throughout the state. When knowledge, skill and good fortune result in a successful hunt, it provides an opportunity to impress dinner guests with the delicious flavor of wild turkey. A [recipe for cooking a wild turkey with citrus brine](#) is available from the chefs at the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in partnership with the wild turkey experts at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

Wild turkey is a versatile protein so in addition to the main course, Fresh from Florida chefs adapted several popular recipes using leftover wild turkey and other Fresh from Florida products. Serve post-holiday meals that are tasty and healthy with recipes such as [wild turkey quesadillas](#) and [wild turkey cottage pie](#). See other Fresh from Florida [wild turkey recipes](#).

There are two wild turkey subspecies that occur in this state: the eastern and the Osceola wild turkey. Florida is unique because the Osceola subspecies lives nowhere else in the world but on the state's peninsula. Osceolas are similar to the eastern wild turkey subspecies, which is found in north Florida and throughout the eastern United States.

"Turkey hunting in Florida is a chance to experience the outdoors in a really special way," said Buddy Welch, wild turkey program coordinator for the FWC. "However, wild turkeys are extremely wary and possess sharp eyesight and excellent hearing so hunting them is a challenge."

Because most [wild turkey hunting](#) in Florida occurs in the spring, FDACS chefs discuss how to [preserve a harvested wild turkey](#) so it can be enjoyed at Thanksgiving.

The FWC uses scientifically-proven wildlife management strategies and professional expertise to meet conservation objectives and provide sustainable wild turkey hunting opportunities. Learn more about wild turkeys, including their behavior, habitat needs and where they live in Florida at MyFWC.com/Turkey.

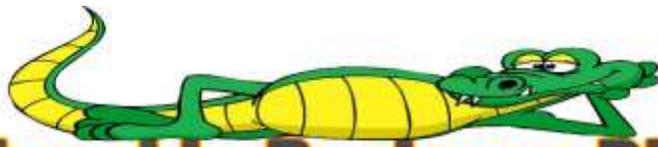


EYCC Summer Camp

Registration for the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp Program will begin in the next few months. Our policy on providing scholarships has changed, please read the details below.

- **All youth interested in participating with a scholarship from BCAHCC must write a letter to the club asking to go to camp and explain why they would like to go.**
- **Members in current standing must provide the value of 20 hours service to the club throughout the year to be considered for a full scholarship.**
- **Members in current standing without the value of 20 hours service can still qualify for a matching scholarship (50%).**
- **Non-club members may qualify for a matching scholarship (50%) for their first year. The following year they must be a member in current standing and meet the service hour criteria to be considered for a full scholarship.**
- **The E-board will cap the scholarships each year based on the funds available for scholarship use. Donations received can impact the amount of scholarships awarded.**
- **If you are awarded a scholarship and your child does not attend as scheduled for any reason, you are responsible to reimburse the club for any funds paid on your behalf.**

If you have any questions about these policies, please feel free to contact any of member of the E-board and they will be happy to help.



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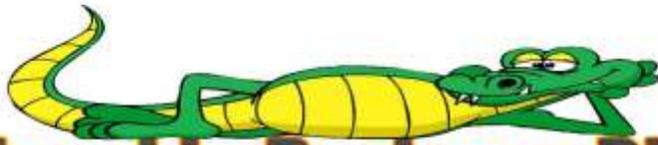
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