

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 July, the end of our Club's calendar year. Elections are held at our next Annual meeting on July 22nd. The meeting will take place on ZOOM, our Secretary and Treasurer will send you instructions on how to join us at the meeting. Instructions will be sent by text or e-mail as to how you get on at the same time. Please join us. The good news is our attendance at these meetings is growing. We also have had some members who live a long distance away join us. I agree it is not as good as being physically together and seeing each other, but for now it is the best solution to our problem.

Here are the nominees President Bruce Ward, Vice President Kevin Fitzgerald, Treasurer Bill Sirola, Secretary Jennifer Green, E-Board Directors Glenn Checchi, Pete Hora, Chris Andrews, Sean McCann, Greg Grubb, Kristen Andrews, and William Corey. You always have the right to vote for a write in candidate.

Our Secretary Jennifer Green has been designing some T-shirts and such for purchase from a website. For each shirt sold, the club gets the profit from each shirt. We have a Trash Fish Tournament and a Boars Nest shirt for sale currently. The instructions to how to find it is in this newsletter.

Also in last month's newsletter there was information about when you purchase items on Amazon it is possible for the club to get a small donation from the purchase price. Thank you to the members who are using Amazon Smile. We are receiving donations currently. I hope every club member or anyone you know who buys off Amazon will click on the Broward County Airboat choice. It is another way for our club to make money to pay our expenses. Thank you for your support.

Another issue that came up recently concerned the cancellation of our Airboat Show. Some of the vendors and members have been contacting Chrissy Freeman asking questions concerning the cancelled show. Chrissy contacted us and she has been very courteous when they called; however, when Chrissy and Jason left the club, they asked their names be removed from any correspondence sent out. Unfortunately, she had already sent out a lot of E- Mails and Letters to Vendors, Trophy Sponsors and contracts for the show. This was done before they resigned. I am trying to correct this issue and if you or anyone else asks you about the Show, would you please refer them to our website or have them contact me personally. I appreciate everything the Freemans did for our club, but they are no longer members. They are dedicating their time to family and other pursuits. We wish them success in their future endeavors.

I called Life Member David "Sparky" Willix because I had heard he had a health issue. He said he has had a problem with one of his lungs. He is being treated for it, and everything else is in good shape. He was wanting to go out to Boars Nest. We wish Sparky the best of health and hopefully we see him out there real soon.

William Corey continues to heal after his motorcycle accident. We see him at the Zoom Meetings, but hope he is up and walking on both legs real soon. Hoping you and your family are healthy and that you continue to practice measures to protect yourself and family from this pandemic, Go to the woods, no Covid-19 out there,

Bruce Ward



July 22th General Meeting via Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID- **813 2173 1328**

Password **254686**

Election Night- Please join us

Memorial Run- TBD

August 12th E-Board Meeting

Meeting Via Google Meet

<https://meet.google.com/xmx-uqdg-rvz>

Or you can call in

301-845-5229 PIN: 640 961 149#

August 26th General Board Meeting

Meeting Via Google Meet

<https://meet.google.com/apn-obsv-weo>

Or you can call in

616-613-6400 PIN: 448 678 075#

Jim Bowles

Memorial Tree Planting- Postponed

More Details to follow

ELECTION BALLOT

Please click the link below to cast your vote for the Executive Board / Officer election.

[Election Ballot](#)



Also EYCC sleepaway camp has been cancelled for the summer.

We would like to welcome our new Youth Hunt Coordinator, Sean McCann. He will be the point of contact for all youth hunt communication.

Sean can be reached by email at:

YouthHunt@browardairboatclub.org

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.

DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS FROM CLUB EVENTS?



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Do you have a place for the Club Trailer?

Our club is currently in search of a place to park our Club Trailer. The trailer is 30 foot long and enclosed.

The trailer is only used once a year for the airboat show. If you have a piece of Property where we could park the trailer, it would be of great help to the club.

We also have a Club cooker/smoker on a trailer that needs a place to stay, also.

If you can accommodate one or both of these items, or you have an idea where we could store them, please contact Bruce Ward 954-658-2714.

Thanks we really need to get these items moved.

UPDATING THE DIALER

Are you receiving text messages from the club dialer? We use the dialer to update our membership of meetings and events. If you are not receiving them, then please [CLICK HERE](#) to be added.



We hope you all had a great Fourth of July! We sure had a blast, and while there are so many reasons to be proud of being an American... Attending the Nationals in the Everglades on our Nations Independence Day sure makes you a proud American Floridian. Talk about Freedom, airboats in the Everglades goes together like peas, and carrots....

Ingenuity, and American muscle sure do provide for some serious entertainment. Honestly it was very nice just see so many of our friends faces and to be able to spend time together in the place we love most our Everglades. There is really nothing else like it.... that being said we need to protect it!

Join an airboat club or conservation group, do your best to attend the meetings concerning our state and our resources here in Florida. The meetings are easier than ever to attend now, live via the internet.

With all the craziness going on across the country, now more than ever we need to come together on the common love for our state, and precious resources. To protect our past, preserve our future, and access to our River of Grass.

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Glades Eye View

with Trapper Mike Kimmel

This month I'm hunting a 6ft Nile monitor in Martin County, but the job has not been concluded yet. So I figured I'd take this month's column to introduce myself and give a brief description of what exactly I do. My name is Trapper Mike Kimmel and I am the owner/operator of Martin County Trapping & Wildlife Rescue. I am also a state contracted python hunter, invasive species agent, conservationist, and wildlife consultant. I also work behind the scenes on various TV shows. Basically I'm the luckiest guy in the world and hunt for a living lol.

I promise you it ain't easy though!! It is a constant hustle to make ends meet and keep the operation a float. One of the many ways I do this is by utilizing every part of any animal I have to euthanize. Green iguanas, pythons, Egyptian geese, tegus, hogs, spinytails, etc. are all broken down and sold as meat, leather products, oddities and even jewelry! The skins make beautiful wallets, bracelets etc. which I sell on my website pythoncowboy.com along with other merchandise.

The bones and skulls are made into educational displays and jewelry. Any meat that isn't sold or eaten by humans is converted into livestock feed. It is not easy, but I have to drain every dollar out every situation to make this work; we have A LOT of mouths to feed on the rescue ranch! Our current 20 or so rescues range from a 100lb African tortoise and Egyptian geese to a snake bit feral hog and an overly friendly squirrel. Even a 7ft boa I raised as a child that found her way back to me as a rescue 18 years later!

I'm also able to use a lot of these rescues as "animal ambassadors" at the various educational shows I do around the state with the History of the Florida Gladesmen Mobile Museum. We love our rescues but the most important part of my operation is my pack of dogs I've trained to help me with my conservation work. We currently have 12 dogs with 3 more puppies on the way this month... I got a dog for everything lol but some of my dogs do the job of 4 (my lead dog, Moose, and our up & comer, Otto).

They help me find and capture literally just about all of the major invasive species in Florida, I couldn't do the work I do without them. My favorite part of the job, besides seeing the results of our work in the ecosystem, is watching my dogs work in the field. I love seeing them use the skills I've trained on top of the instincts and raw talent God has given them. It is very important to me and the way of life I'm trying to preserve to show the work I do in a positive way, the way it really is.

The work I do and hunting in general is often attacked by people who don't know the whole story. That's where my social media has come into play. Folks don't realize that hunters are the biggest conservationist out there and recreational access to the wild lands we love and protect isn't a bad thing! I hope to share light on this and other conservation conversations with this newsletter!!

Thanks for reading y'all.

www.Pythoncowboy.com

ELECTION 2020

It is time to vote your Board Officers and Executive Board Positions

Due to Covid19 we are not able to physically meet in order to vote. Instead we are going electronic with our election this year.

Please click the link below to cast your vote. The ballot will remain confidential with only the current secretary having access to view names in order to validate current membership standing.

Please only vote ONE TIME.

Voting will be open through Thursday July 23rd in order to accommodate all members with this process.

An email announcement will go out next week advising your new board members.

[Click Here for your Ballot](#)





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