## FSCA Newsletter

May 2022



### **Presidents Letter**

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I hope everyone had a successful hunting season and good luck on filling your gator tags! Sending out congratulations to the new members of the FSCA board. I am honored and humbled to be elected as your president and will work hard to fulfill that honor.

Please go on our site to see all the exciting events we have completed and have upcoming. This club works hard to be at the forefront of conservation and our outdoor heritage.

If you are interested in finding out more, come to our General Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Look forward to seeing you there.

Mike Prince President

We are Florida Sportsmen

#### MISSION STATEMENT

FSCA started in 1994 by a small group of like-minded individuals with one goal:

Work to Increase Public Recreation in Florida.

From that simple goal we have branched into many areas, but our focus has never changed.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### FSCA/NWTF Banquet May 14

Hunter Safety Conference May 18

#### Broward Airboat Show May 21

Sporting Clay Shoot June 18

FAA Unity Weekend July 8-10

#### Youth Hunt – Python July 29-31

LOAA Airboat & Buggy Show July 25

Gladesmen Reunion August 21

Aurthur Marshal Hunt 8/3/22

#### **Past Events**



# AIRBOATERS FOR AUTISM AWARENESS

The turnout this year was the highest to date. Airboats lit up the waters as others lit up the shoreline in blue.

What a beautiful sight to see.

The Outdoor Expo was a huge success. Anything and everything you could need for the outdoors was at your disposal.

The kids had a blast catching frogs in the frog tank.



### **Area 2 Alligator Youth Hunt**



Thanks to the <u>South Florida Water Management District</u> and the <u>Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission Youth Hunting Program</u> for another great youth hunt.

### **Blanket Bay Cleanup**

Earth Day on the Kissimmee River APRIL 30,2022 = Kissimmee PUA workday project, FSCA & LOAA is looking to start a project removing the fence lines and obstacles within the floodplain of the Kissimmee River pool A south of Highway 60 on the east side looking for Volunteer to help. Earth Day April 30, 2022 members from both organizations (FSCA) Florida Sportsmen's Conservation Association & (LOAA) Lake Okeechobee Airboat Association and other conservationists joined forces to work with South Florida Water Management District to post signage, remove fence posts, barb wire, and other hazards on the Kissimmee River Blanket Bay pool A unit. Another spectacular Earth Day event doing are part of the great America cleanup cannot say enough about the Sportsman's commitment hard-working volunteers who are truly making a difference to preserves Florida's resources.

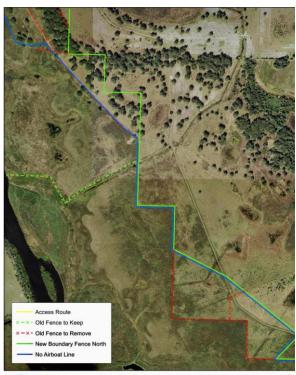
This event had 50+ volunteers who provided over 440 hours labor, 13 swamp buggy's, 3 side-by-side, and 2 skid steers loaders.

Members from LOAA provided everybody with a hot lunch which also gave everybody time to socialize during the event. Big shout out to Matt Nelson and Jamie Mellette for spearheading the event along with South Florida Water Management staff.

The group removed hazards that would harm or hurt recreational users who enjoying Air boating on the floodplain, the group helped post the fence line between private and public properties so we can keep everyone legal!

FSCA & LOAA cannot thank the volunteers enough or the district staff for working together to make a difference.







#### **Mark Your Calendar**





# May is the start of the application process for alligator harvest permits Applying for alligator harvest permits

This year, sustainable hunting opportunities will be offered at 128 AMUs (65 countywide AMUs and 63 specific AMUs). The FWC will be issuing over 7,300 alligator harvest permits through three random drawings and a final leftover phase.

The dates to apply for alligator harvest permits this year are as follows. Remember, all application periods start at 10 a.m. ET on the first day of the application period and run through 11:59 p.m. ET on the final day. MyFWC.com/Alligator

Phase I Applications
Phase II Applications
Phase III Applications
June 3 - 13

Phase IV Leftovers June 16 – until filled or Oct. 14

