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The hunting season is almost over – Gators get ready!

On to fishing - Oscars, Peacock Bass etc are plentiful! Be safe on the water and stay hydrated, it's hot out there!

There are lots of events coming up – Sporting Clay Shoot on June 18th at the Palm Beach County Shooting range off Seminole Pratt Rd.

On June 25th LOAA has an airboat and buggy show @ J&S Fish Camp in Port Mayaca. The club will have an electric bike there selling raffle tickets.

FAA has it's banquet at the KOA pavilion in Okeechobee on July 8-10. There's always something happening with conservation.

Also, a reminder, FSCA has meetings on the 2nd (general) & 4th (board) Tuesday of each month at the club property. Come and enjoy a meal, good company and find out what's happening in our world.

Mike Prince President

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.

We are Florida Sportsmen

Past Events

NWTF / FSCA Banquet 2022

This years banquet did not disappoint with the largest turn out to date and the highest total raised for conservation!



Congratulations to all the 2022 award winners.

Horizon Award – Joe Rabena Conservationist of the Year Award – Matt Nelson Women Conservationist of the Year Award – Mary Tobiassen Jack Byslma III Youth Award – Keeley Lima Non-member Conservationist of the Year Award – Tom Schmidt Tree for Marjorie Award – Pete Tyson Ethical Sportsman Award – Raven John C Jones Award – Darlene Tyson Outstanding Board Member Award – Steven Stroh







Sporting Clay Shoot June 18

UPCOMING EVENTS

FAA Unity Weekend July 8-10

<u>Youth Hunt – Python</u> July 29-31

> LOAA Airboat & Buggy Show July 25

Gladesmen Reunion August 21

Aurthur Marshal Hunt 8/3/22

IHEA-USA 2022 Conference

After a 2-year hiatus, due to Covid, the International Hunter Education Association (IHEA) was finally able to have the Conference. FSCA supports IHEA-USA mission to continue the heritage of hunting worldwide by developing safe, responsible, knowledgeable, and involved hunters.

The conference was held at the new Palm Beach County shooting Center. FSCA gave buggy rides and airboat rides in the JW Corbett (WMA) wildlife management area which gave everybody a chance to enjoy the Gladesmen culture. Marshall with Mack's Fish Camp gave airboat ride to exploring the Southern Everglades to learn about its ecology, unique wildlife, and it's "River of Grass" along with our Gladesmen Culture.

Some of the participants took the opportunity to enjoy dinner in the Everglades provided by FSCA members (dinner menu fried Oscar/fish, gator tail, cheese grits, swamp rice, and Gator chowder) following the dinner they went on a Python hunt in the everglades. After dinner before the hunt participants learn to capture snakes safely (Live snake presentation) given by FWC staff members.

Special thanks to the FSCA members who took the time off work to show participants our Gladesmen Culture: Lauresa Musgrove, Kerry Garceau, Randy Turner, Sean McCann, Scott Sommer, Marc Rivard, Ricky Burnsed, P J Nichols, Matt Nelson, Johnny Escobar, and Bishop Wright Jr.

The International Hunter Education Association (IHEA) – USA is the professional hunter education association affiliated with the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and the 50-state fish and hunter education programs. The programs employ 55,000 instructors, many of whom are volunteers, that teach hunting and shooting safety and responsibilities throughout the United States.

Hunter Education courses train and certify more than 600,000 students annually. Since 1949, almost 40 million students have completed hunter education courses that cover firearm safety, bowhunting, wildlife management, field care of game, responsible hunting, landowner relations, wildlife identification, and much more.

Hunting is a safe activity, and, because of hunter education, it is even safer! Over the last 50 years hunting related injury rates have decreased dramatically, even as populations of deer, wild turkey, elk, geese, and other species of game have risen to record numbers.

Hunters have raised billions of dollars for wildlife conservation in North America and championed the cause of wildlife restoration programs for many generations. Today, hunters continue to be the most effective political voice supporting legislation to protect wild things and wild places for future generations.









Mark Your Calendar

Get your team together and join us for the

2nd Annual FSCA Sporting Clays Invitational on June 18th!

Teams are \$600.00

Registration Form



