

FSCA Newsletter

Summer is coming to an end and hopefully everyone is making memories with friends and family. The weekend of July 13th we participated in The FAA Unity weekend and banquet which was a successful fundraiser for the FAA and a great event uniting airboaters and sportsmen from around the state. Keynote speakers were Mike Elfenbein, Travis Thompson and Betty Osceola. Drew Bartlett and Betty Osceola both received awards from the FAA. Members of FSCA participated in a clay shoot Saturday morning at Ok Corral while others joined the LOAA airboat ride which had over 35 airboats riding from Okeetantie to Harney pond. Lunch was provided by the board members of LOAA then all rode back to Okeetantie. July 27th we held our Youth Python Hunt. 9 youth participated and 5 snakes were harvested. Special thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make this hunt the success that it was! Archery season opens this month in Zone A and we wish everyone luck enjoying time in the stand and hopefully success in harvesting. Unfortunately July ended on a very sad note for us.

The passing of any member is a tragic loss but this one is especially tough. Caroll Wright, the wife of founding member Bishop Wright was more than just a member. She has been an instrumental part of this club since its founding 30 years ago. She was a welcoming presence to new members, a dedicated chairman of Outdoor Youth Day, and a constant support and advisor to anyone who had questions on anything FSCA related. She will be dearly missed and our thoughts and prayers are with Bishop.

Matt Nelson
President



Upcoming Events

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9/5/2024 7:30 PM

FSCA General Meeting

8535 Northlake BLVD,

West Palm Beach, FL

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9/24/2024 7:00 PM

FSCA Board Meeting

8535 Northlake BLVD,

West Palm Beach, FL

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FSCA calendar updated
weekly on FSCA1994.com



Bishop and Caroll Wright

Annual Youth Day 2025



*** **SAVE THE DATE** ***

February 1st, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Florida Sportsmen's Conservation Association's Annual Outdoor Youth Day

At the Everglades Youth Camp
12100 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road
\$10.00 Entrance Fee includes all Activities
Food & Refreshments Available

Outdoor Youth Day is designed to introduce children of all ages to the many activities available in the great outdoors through hands on experience.

*** Activities Offered ***

Swamp buggy rides, canoeing, wildlife demonstrations, Archery, .22 shoot, shot gun shoot, fishing, airboat rides, pony rides, muzzle-loading shooting, FWC demonstration's and conservation exhibits.

For further information and a calendar of events
on Our Official Website: <https://fsca1994.com/>
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<https://www.facebook.com/floridasportsmenconservation/>

2024-2025 YOUTH HUNTS

Grassy Island

Muzzleloader

Oct 25-27th

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Arthur Marshall Youth Hunt Nov 1-3rd

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Dupree WMA Youth Gator Hunt Feb 21-22nd

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Youth Gator Hunt

STA 2

Feb 28th - March 2nd

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Grassy Island Youth Hunt

Mar 7-9th

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Gator Youth Hunt

STA 5

Mar 21-23rd

To learn more about our youth hunts or how to sign up please visit

<https://myfwc.com/education/programs/youth-hunting-program/>

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JW Corbett 10 Year Management Plan

By Bishop Wright



FSCA would like to thank everyone who took the time to attend this meeting. It was great to see users engaged in the discussion of the 10-year plan. While the process was lengthy and sometimes tedious, the information shared was essential.

So, what changes are coming in the next 10 years? They plan to conduct controlled burns during hunting season to increase the window of opportunity for land management. There is also a plan to eradicate all wild hogs in the area, which is concerning due to their role in the food chain.

Camping was mentioned, but not discussed in detail. However, it appears there will be new additions, such as a dump station and ADA-compliant campsites. The specifics of other changes to camping were not clarified.

There is a high level of concern regarding off-road vehicle (ORV) use. While the focus is on responsible recreational use, we must monitor and pay attention to this issue closely.

Hydrology and its impact on the connecting wildlife management areas were also discussed. A significant plan is to remove the blacktop on the north grade and revert it to a graded road.

Overall, the meeting was informative. Thanks to everyone who attended and asked questions. It's encouraging to see sportsmen engaged in these discussions

FSCA Pre Hunt Discussion Meeting

The Florida Sportsmen's Conservation Association appreciates all of your participation in the pre-hunt discussion meeting for the upcoming season. Effective communication and staying informed helps everyone in the community understand the surroundings and logistics.

Topics of conversation:

Upcoming season rule enforcements/changes and violations/issues

Social media discussion

Percentage of population hunters/antihunters

Orv usage and perception

FSCA ORV committee proposal

WMA deer dog registration

Outdoor Youth Day 2/1/2025

Vote Yes on 2

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EXCITING NEWS!

Multiple members from FSCA and LOAA have come together to become hunter safety course instructors to expand the Florida youth hunting program and educate our youth on safe and ethical hunting practices.



What's on the Ballot this November 5, 2024?

RIGHT TO FISH AND HUNT. — Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to preserve forever fishing and hunting, including by the use of traditional methods, as a public right and preferred means of responsibly managing and controlling fish and wildlife. Specifies that the amendment does not limit the authority granted to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission under Section 9 of Article IV of the State Constitution.

Protect

Amendment 2 definitively protects our right to fish and hunt in the state of Florida. While bans were considered in at least a dozen states last year, including a push to criminalize hunting, fishing and farming, Amendment 2 will prevent extremists from taking away our rights.

Preserve

Amendment 2 preserves Florida's rich traditions, conservation practices, outdoor lifestyle and economic opportunities. As the Fishing Capital of the World, anglers come to chase everything from tarpon to red snapper, while hunters flock to Florida to chase waterfowl, and Osceola turkeys.



Promote

Amendment 2 provides the fundamentals of conservation — enhancing ecosystems and promoting game populations which provide opportunities for Floridians and visitors alike to experience the unmatched natural resources of Florida's fishing and hunting adventures.



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Youth Python Hunt

July 27, 2024



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