



Agenda

5:30pm – Cocktails and Socializing

6:15pm – Dinner Served

6:45pm – Introduction of Guests: Matt Nelson

- Amendment #2 Speakers: Mike Elfenbein and Travis Thompson

7:00pm – History Presentation

- Moderator Nick Wiley will discuss the organization's history with past presidents. Each president will have five minutes to speak, followed by a few minutes of reminiscing.

8:00pm – Q&A Session

9:00pm – Prize Drawings and Closing Statement

- Matt Nelson will draw the card to determine the winner of the Browning .308 and the door prize, followed by a closing statement.

9:30pm – Open Floor until Close

Bishop Wright Jr., 1994-1998

1994

- Established the club and built partnerships with various agencies.
- Brought together conservationists to preserve the culture for future generations.
- FSCA members actively participated in cleaning public lands, including Northlake Blvd, Corbett WMA, Multi-turf, Conservation Area 2, and Lake Kissimmee.
- Consulted with FWC and SFWMD to open and regulate new lands for recreation: Nicodemus Slough, Fort Drum Swamp, Browns Farm, Kissimmee Chain of Lakes, Frog Pond, West Jupiter Wetlands, Dinner Island, Spirit of the Wild WMA, John and Mariana Jones WEA, all 5 STAs, Okaloacoochee, and Allapattah Flats.

1995

- Conducted a cleanup of Conservation Area 2A.
- Led a seeding project at JW Corbett WMA.
- Hosted Legislative Day in the Everglades at Camp 23.
- Converted an old horse stable into the Conservation Pavilion at the South Florida Fair.
- Saved the Everglades Youth Camp by donating labor and materials to construct a modern drain field and filtration marsh, saving the FWC \$50,000.
- Awarded the Fl Wildlife Conservation Organization of the year

1996

- Developed and managed a Dolphin Fishing Tournament to promote fishing and raise conservation funds.
- We received a Resolution from the Fl Game & Fish Commission on 6.12.96 for our contribution to the Everglades Youth Camp retention pond

1997

- Repaired 67 breaks in the fence at Cecil Webb WMA.
- Built and raffled off an airboat.
- Hosted Girl Scout buggy rides and 4H kids' airboat rides.
- Organized the Mangrove Marathon to restore native mangroves in Jupiter Waterways Park.
- Promoted conservation at Earth Fest events and hosted bass tournaments to raise funds.

1998

- Fixed 13 breaks in the fence at Cecil Webb WMA with an educational goal of zero breaks.
- Held the first NWTf banquet at Ellie's Diner in Delray Beach.
- Conducted an annual bass tournament in Belle Glade.
- Purchased the Latt Macy property on the Kissimmee River, marking the start of its conversion to a PUA.

Robert Stossel Jr., 1999-2001

1999

- FSCA helped establish the FWC, which came into existence on July 1, 1999.
- Organized the 1st Annual Outdoor Youth Day at the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp.
- Worked with GFC to manage the Kissimmee River PUA.
- Raffled a Browning A5 shotgun at the awards banquet.

2001

- Adopted the airboat ramp in Conservation Area 2 Lox Road.
- Held a Big Buck and Big Boar contest.
- Collaborated with FWC to mark and count Red Cockaded Woodpecker colonies.

Paul Hickman, 2002-2004

2002

- Helped create the rules for the Kissimmee PUA.
- Helped create the John and Mariana Jones/Hungryland WMA.
- Built the first pavilion on SFWMD property by a conservation club in Dupuis WEA.

2003

- Held the 1st Annual Alligator Kickoff Party at Belle Glade Marina.

Bishop Wright, 2005-2006

2005

- Boyd Stossel used John Halverson's airboat to rescue over 200 people during Hurricane Katrina and assisted law enforcement in making arrests.

2006

- FSCA members attended Huntmaster training classes.
- Observed Texas' youth hunting program, which led to the creation of Florida's youth hunting program.
- Held the first youth hunt in Florida at Game Time Outfitters, a volunteer-led hog hunt.
- Planted 550 native trees in Hungryland WMA with NWTF.
- Hosted the 13th Annual Banquet at the Bonnet Hunt Club.

Doug Sharp, 2007

2007

- Sponsored airboat sound tests.
- Installed wood duck boxes in Hungryland WEA.
- Reposted boundary signs in Hungryland WEA.
- Participated in KRVSA's 19th Annual Lake Kissimmee cleanup.
- Rebuilt the Youth Camp buggy.
- Planted 70 oak trees in JW Corbett WMA.
- Sponsored a youth hunt at SS Ranch.
- Held the 4th Annual Alligator Kickoff Party.

Mark Dombroski, 2008-2011

2008

- Helped establish a boat ramp and camping at Shady Oaks Campground.
- Launched the first email newsletter.
- Built a barbecue grill for Everglades Youth Camp.
- Hosted FAA's first Unity Weekend on Lake Cypress.
- Represented FSCA at the NRA Youth Hunter Ed Challenge Tournament.
- Held the Lake Park Marsh Reunion.

2010

- Participated in the preservation of traditional access to Curry Island on Lake Okeechobee.
- Byron Maharrey represented FSCA in the deer management program.
- Held the first annual Airboat & Buggy Show on Okeechobee Road.

2011

- Purchased 2.5 acres in Royal Palm Beach for future conservation headquarters.
- Participated in US Fish and Wildlife Service's proposed Everglades headwaters refuge.
- Testified to Congress on the Everglades headwaters project.

Tom McWatters, 2012-2014

2012

- Hosted a Wounded Warriors Project: fish gigging tournament
- Created and sold FSCA barbecue sauce.
- Helped define swamp buggy regulations.
- Organized the Florida Sportsmen's Festival.
- Proposed rule changes for JW Corbett WMA, including archery season adjustments and antler restrictions.
- Held the first python challenge.

2013

- Removed a bridge in the Airboat Pond at JW Corbett Youth Camp.
- Hosted a dinner fundraiser for a monument at Hungryland WMA.

2014

- Gathered 32 airboats with 80 volunteers to remove abandoned research stations in WCA2 on Earth Day.

Todd Hallman, 2015-2017

2015

- Continued Earth Day cleanup efforts in WCA2 on Earth Day.
- Participated in a Kissimmee PUA field trip to balance recreational opportunities.
- Held the 20th Annual Banquet at the Elks Lodge in Jupiter.

2016

- Hosted the Hunt master Dinner at the Everglades Youth Camp.
- Presented the first Wildlife and Management Resource Award to Dr. Thomas Eason.
- Held the first annual Gladesmen Day Reunion.
- Sponsored a deer seminar.
- Installed heavy-duty gates at club property.
- Participated in SFWMD's first youth alligator hunts in Mecca farms.

2017

- Organized the first Melaleuca eradication team in Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee NWR.
- Held the first Grassy Island muzzleloader youth hunt and Trail Ridge workday.

Steve Stroh, 2018-2020

2018

- Held Earth Day projects at Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee NWR and Kissimmee River PUA.
- Participated in the first Cabbage Cut at Florida Panther Wildlife Refuge.
- Hosted a kids' fishing day in Wellington.
- Held the first youth python hunt in the Everglades.
- Participated in the groundbreaking of the Palm Beach Co Shooting Sports Complex.
- Built camping platforms at Trailblazer Island.
- Received the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Director's Honors Award.

2020

- Hosted a Christmas party with the Lake Okeechobee Airboat Association.
- Held the first youth hunt after COVID shutdowns.

Ryan Kruger, 2021

2021

- Held the 1st Annual FSCA Clay Shoot fundraiser.
- Participated in SCI Brazilian pepper eradication.
- Prepared and cooked lunch for a Congressional tour of Lake Okeechobee.
- Participated in the first outdoor dining event.

Mike Prince, 2022

2022 Earth Day on Kissimmee River (Highway 60)

This Earth Day was unique as we ventured to the far north end of the Kissimmee River Public Use Area, off Highway 60. It was another successful year of removing hazards from the floodplain.

Outdoor Meetings and Property Improvements

In 2022, we started holding our meetings outdoors at our club property, which has worked well during the winter months, however, this approach is less ideal for summer due to bugs and thunderstorms.

- FSCA placed a container on an elevated shell rock pad at the property to store valuable items and conduct meetings.

Billy Boatwright, 2023

2023

- Continued cleanup efforts at JW Corbett, organized youth alligator hunts, muzzleloader hunts, turkey hunts, and python hunts.
- Organized another Earth Day project on the Kissimmee River aimed at improving the public use area by removing obstacles and debris, including 723 feet of a banded Florida Trails boardwalk.
- Assisted the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and the Paddling Trail Association volunteers' campsites, on the river

Matt Nelson, 2024

2024

- Participated in the first conservation event at the capital

To wrap things up, keep in mind these are special events. FSCA also conducts it's annual events including:

- 30 years of clean-ups at JW Corbett
- 20 years of biannual Everglades Youth camp cleanups, where members prepare the landscape before Youthday in Fe and the summer camp opening in June.
- For the past 10yrs over 50 volunteers have participated in major Earth Day projects, contributing equipment, manpower & Gladesmen knowledge to these \$50,000+ initiatives.
- Additionally, FSCA holds 2 regular business meetings each month, quarterly agency meetings and participates in monthly FAA meetings