

FSCA Newsletter

As this month is the holiday of Thanksgiving, I find myself thinking of all the things we have to be thankful for. I'm grateful for the opportunity to be involved with this club and the progress we have made this year and all the years prior. I'm thankful for all the hard work and support of the members of this club who constantly step up to the plate to further our cause and make a difference for future generations of sportsmen and women. It's easy to get lost in the day-to-day stresses and worries of life, but I encourage everyone to take a moment to count their blessings and reflect on all the things they have to be thankful for.

As hunting season is underway, our youth hunts have kicked off. We are always looking for new guides and volunteers, so if you've ever been interested in helping, please reach out to any of the board members, and we will let you know how you can help. Matt Nelson
President

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Upcoming Events

FSCA
Christmas
12/21/2025

Youth Day
2/7/2025

FSCA Calendar
updated weekly
on

<https://FSCA1994.com>



Arther Marshall Youth Hunt 2025

Corbett Area Update

FWC has amended the contract for the north grade road repair. The new contract has an end date of November 21, 2025. The contractor must finish and be off the property by that date. (According to FWC, there will be severe financial consequences if not completed by this date.)

The north gate and Camps A and B by **November 21, 2025**. We thank everyone who took the time to share their concerns about this project and how it has affected their use of this beautiful WMA.

We owe a massive debt of gratitude to the FWC staff, who spent countless hours meeting with us and the contractor and made multiple trips to the property to ensure the road and camps were ready before the holidays and most of the general gun season.

While this project has impacted public use of the property, it's encouraging to see sportsmen and women collaborating with government agencies toward a common goal, despite the challenges, it proves once again: if you're not at the table, you may be on the table.

Wishing everyone a safe, successful, and memorable hunting season!

2024-2025 YOUTH HUNTS

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Grassy Island Youth
Turkey Hunt

3/13/25-3/15/25

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Deer/Hog Youth Hunt

1/16/25-1/18/25

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Dupuis Youth Gator Hunt

2/27/25-3/1/25

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STA 2 Youth Gator Hunt

3/6/25-3/8/25

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STA 5 Youth Gator Hunt

3/27/25-3/29/25

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FSCA Kicks Off the 2025-26 Youth Hunting Season with a Strong Start!

By Bishop Wright

The Florida Sportsmen's Conservation Association (FSCA) has officially launched its 2025-26 Youth Hunting Season, and what an incredible start it has been! The club's ability to host two youth hunts on the same weekend truly shows the depth, dedication, and teamwork within our organization. None of this would be possible without our amazing volunteers and the Hunt Masters who lead the way, coordinating logistics, organizing crews, and ensuring every young hunter has a safe and memorable experience.

Huntmaster Billy Boatwright hosted the Blackpowder Youth Hunt on Grassy Island, which the South Florida Water Management District manages. Once again, he led his annual Blackpowder youth hunt there, with five young hunters participating and three successfully harvesting mature bucks. The group reported abundant wildlife throughout the weekend. Some hunters passed on smaller game, while others had close calls but couldn't quite seal the deal. Billy extends a heartfelt thank-you to his outstanding crew —Matt, Steve, Marc, Speedy, Will, and Bishop — for their hard work and dedication in making this hunt another success.

Huntmaster Tommy McGoldrick had another hunt in the Arthur R. Marshall Wildlife Refuge compound at the same time. Tommy has devoted countless hours to scouting and working this area, and this season (after a last-minute cancellation), the team had their best year ever, harvesting two hogs, a doe, and a buck. Tommy would like to recognize his dedicated crew —Justin, Jimmy, Pasquale, and Andrew —for their commitment and teamwork in making the hunt a success.

The FSCA leadership team is incredibly grateful for another fantastic weekend in the great outdoors. From scouting, setting up tree stands and cameras to cooking, guiding, and preparing camps, every volunteer plays a vital role in creating these opportunities for our youth hunters. This weekend's hunts yielded four bucks, plenty of wildlife activity, and countless memories. Congratulations to all the young hunters, and a big thank-you to the parents and grandparents who make it possible by getting their kids registered and completing their hunter safety courses. This was truly a weekend to remember. Let's keep the Gladesman tradition alive, get the kids outdoors, keep them learning, and keep them hunting.



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Global Ties Miami

By Lauresa Musgrove

On Monday, September 29, 2025, the Florida Sportsmen Conservation Association (FSCA) had the honor of sitting down with 15 leaders from 15 different countries to discuss how conservation works in Florida and the vital role that hunting and fishing play in supporting it. Being part of this exchange was phenomenal. Not only were we included in the conversation, but FSCA was recognized as part of the solution, providing well-rounded, thoughtful answers to questions from the international delegation.

Matt Nelson, FSCA President, opened the meeting with an overview of the organization's leadership role in conservation and expanding recreational opportunities. Lauresa Musgrove presented on Florida's Youth Hunting Program and its importance in keeping the next generation engaged in conservation. Mike Elfenbein of the Izaak Walton League shared the values of conservation, explained the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, and highlighted the cultural and environmental significance of Big Cypress. Bishop Wright spoke about the history of FSCA and the Gladesmen culture, highlighting how members preserved 100 acres for a youth camp — an achievement no one could replicate today — and how their efforts continue to provide lasting benefits. Rich Gotshall provided the international perspective, emphasizing the importance of working with legislators at both the state and federal levels in Washington, D.C. Officer Stone with FWC gave a very detailed description of the importance of patrolling and communicating with the public users of the State lands whether it be hunting, fishing, bird watching and all activities that are participated during the correct time zones.

The Palm Beach County Gun Range hosted this vital exchange and offered the perfect setting for meaningful dialogue with the delegation.

Together, we demonstrated how conservation, responsible use, and access to recreation not only benefit wildlife but also help lands thrive. One of the key takeaways from the discussion was that conservation is not about the trophy; it's about the hunt itself. Sportsmen and women honor wildlife by consuming what they harvest and putting every part to good use, ensuring they waste nothing.

This group is all about connecting South Florida professionals with international leaders to share knowledge, experiences, and strategies that strengthen conservation and community development. Through the International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP), Global Ties Miami fosters dialogue on critical global issues, focusing on the connections among wildlife conservation, national security, and prosperity.

At the end of this month, Global Ties Miami will host a delegation of 15 leaders from Belize, South Africa, and Fiji. These participants include government officials and community leaders working in natural resource management and conservation. Their visit, titled *"Wildlife Strategies to Promote National Security and Prosperity,"* aims to exchange ideas on how conservation supports both local communities and broader national interests.

Your organization, the Florida Sportsmen Conservation Association, was highlighted as a key partner because of your work improving and expanding public recreation activities while promoting responsible wildlife management. The group is especially interested in learning how you collaborate with the State and your members to use sustainable recreation as a conservation tool.



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