



# THE SWAMP GAZETTE



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**FROM YOUR EDITOR:** The regular season is under way and it was good to see some 'Blades hockey in The Swamp again! Since our last newsletter your Fan Club has been busy putting on from what I've heard was a really fun Meet & Greet event. Next up is the Christmas Party – there is a RSVP date of 11/26 - Louise has sent emails out regarding this and some other Team items so keep an eye out for those emails.

And please remember that this is your newsletter, so feel free to submit committee reports, or even a short write-up about your experience at a Club event, etc.

*Cathe Harvey*

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## FLORIDA EVERBLADES FAN CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

*"We, the members of the Florida Everblades Fan Club are committed to act in a professional manner, as a booster organization, in supporting all efforts for the promotion of professional hockey in Southwest Florida. The objectives of the Fan Club are to have fun, along with providing a forum for hockey enthusiasts to exchange ideas and have opportunities to enjoy the game of hockey. Furthermore, the Fan Club will provide support for the members of the Florida Everblades hockey team and their families."*



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## *President's Message*

Welcome to all our members new and old to another season of Florida Everblades hockey!

We are in for an exciting season. Even though the team has started out slow, I believe they will get it together here soon. We have great Coaches and a great group of skilled players. The players just need to gel as a team now and we will be okay. We just need to get in the win column and stay there.

The Board has been busy working on the upcoming Christmas party along with the Children's party and the Spaghetti dinner. We would love to see more members get involved. Remember this is your club and we want it to be the best! So please offer a hand with the events and the Fan Club table on the concourse. We are the Team behind the Team.

I am the Transportation chairperson. We will have quite a few times this season to transport players since the team is flying more than in past years. I will send out emails for help when I know the departure/return dates and times. So please respond promptly when you receive the email to let me know if you are available to help.

As a reminder when interacting with the players, staff, and fans, Fan Club members need to be respectful in what they say and how they act. Negative comments do not reflect well on our Club.

I would like to Thank those members that have helped in one way or the other. So in closing I just want to say: LET'S GO BLADES!!

*Belinda A Hanley, President*

### Everblades Hockey

Test your skill by finding all these words below!

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 KELLYCUP  
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# Oct/Nov/Dec 2021

## Fan Club & Team Events

Dates and times for some events may not have been determined as of this printing - please watch for Club emails with updates.

\*FL Everblades games are shown as **Home** & **Away**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			HOME GAME 7:30pm		HOME GAME 7:30pm	HOME GAME 7:00pm
31	November 1	2	3	4	5	6
		Fan Club Locker Room Tour			AWAY GAME 7:15pm	AWAY GAME 7:05pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
AWAY GAME 3:05pm			HOME GAME 7:30pm		AWAY GAME 7:05pm	AWAY GAME 7:05pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
AWAY GAME 3:00pm		Fan Club Mtg 7pm	HOME GAME 7:30pm			HOME GAME 7:00pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			AWAY GAME 7:00pm	RSVP by tomorrow to attend Christmas Party	AWAY GAME 7:00pm	AWAY GAME 7:00pm
28	29	30	December 1	2	3	4
			HOME GAME 7:30pm	HOME GAME 7:30pm		HOME GAME 7:00pm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Fan Club Christmas Party			AWAY GAME 7:30pm		AWAY GAME 7:30pm	AWAY GAME 7:30pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			HOME GAME 7:30pm		HOME GAME 7:30pm	HOME GAME 7:00pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
						Merry Christmas 

## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR TEAM – ‘BLADES Q & A

We see them on the ice and know how skilled they are, but let's get to know our Players off-ice too. Here are some fun questions and I guarantee, some really fun answers!

### FLORIDA EVERBLADES FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER TEAM QUESTION & ANSWER INFO SHEET

Hello! Thank you for participating in the Fan Club's "Getting to Know Our Players" request. Please fill out Part A and then answer **at least 15 questions** of your choosing in Part B (or more if you are having fun with this!). The Fan Club is here to support our Team and we hope this will help us get to know you better and all have a little fun.

#### PART A:

Name: Levko Koper Hockey Nickname: Kopes  
Birthday: Oct 5, 1990 Last Team Played With: Florida Everblades

#### PART B:

- Describe yourself in 3 words: Easygoing Determined Creative
- Who's a better cook, you or your wife? I'm better at cooking the basics, she is more creative in the kitchen
- Pre-game superstition? I go out of my way not to be superstitious
- If you had a super power, what would it be? To pause time and be able to relive certain moments over
- What is the funniest line you've heard someone say in a game? When I had long hair, one guy said "if you don't braid your hair I'll braid it for you". The other things I probably can't repeat here
- Name one thing you are really terrible at doing? I always manage to break things
- Early morning practice or late at night practice better for you? Early morning
- Would you rather be known as the most skilled player on the team or the most intelligent player and why?  
Skilled, because it's easier to learn intelligence
- Would you rather play in a game with your best friend or beat a rival? Beat my rival....with my best friends
- In the final seconds of a tied game would you rather ensure overtime or risk losing and get the win in Regulation? Ensure overtime
- Favorite pre-game meal? Pasta and chicken thighs
- Who is the most famous person you've met? Just a bunch of hockey players
- Any hidden talents that you are good at? Not really hidden but I make videos for our visual mktg company
- Who on the team would win the following competitions: Arm wrestling Neuber  
Hot dog eating contest: Neuber Best social media accounts: Probably me haha
- What was your favorite toy as a kid besides hockey stuff? Nerf Guns or Hot Wheels
- Favorite movie to watch over and over again? Happy Gilmore
- If you were an animal, which one would you be? Cheetah
- Favorite breakfast food? Waffles with cool whip and strawberry yogurt topping

19. If you could only have 2 apps on your phone, which ones would they be? WhatsApp & Instagram
20. Who has the best celly on the team? Pendenza
21. Is there any sport you refuse to watch? Basketball
22. If you retired from hockey and opened a bar, what would you name it? Levitation Nation
23. Who on the team is the best dancer? I've never seen any of them dance
24. Who on the team is the most likely to lock themselves out of the apartment/house? Neuber
25. Mascot for the day or drive the Zamboni? Drive the Zamboni
26. What motivates you before a game? Intrinsic motivation, and wanting to win for my team
27. At which store would you max out your credit card? I have maxed it out at B & H
28. What scares you the most? Drowning
29. What movie title best describes your life so far? Life In The Fast Lane
30. Do you speak any other language other than English? No, still working on English
31. If a movie was made about your life, what actor should play you? Ryan Reynolds or Brad Pitt
32. Are you usually early, on time, or late arriving somewhere? Right on Time. I'm never late
33. If you had \$10,000 to spend today what would you buy? Stocks
34. Pop, rock, rap or country music? Classic Rock
35. If you were shipwrecked on a deserted island, which 2 teammates would you want with you and why?  
My Wife and Son – you didn't specify which team haha
36. Who on the team is most likely to win a lip sync battle? Johnny Mac – he is actually a great singer
37. Who on the team is most likely to get at least half of their weekly food from a drive-thru? \_\_\_\_\_
38. Who inspired you as a young athlete? Peter Forsberg
39. What was the biggest draw for you when you decided to come play in Estero – area, beach, team, teammates, Coach? All of the above
40. How did being an athlete make you a better person? Learning commitment, self discipline, team work, and hard work

*Thank You Kopes for all you do for our Team!*



## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CLUB – FEFC MEMBER Q & A

Let's find out a little about our Club members! Amy is also our Newsletter Committee's newest member so we thought we would introduce her to you first.

### FLORIDA EVERBLADES FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER CLUB MEMBER QUESTION & ANSWER INFO SHEET

Hello! Thank you for participating in The Swamp Gazette's "Getting to Know Our Members" feature. Please fill out Part A and then answer **at least 15 questions** of your choosing in Part B (or more if you are having fun with this!). It is our hope this will help us all get to know you better and have a little fun doing so.

**PART A:** Name: Amy Manning Fan Club Member Since: 2019-20  
Family who are also Members: Anthony, Jordan, Jayden, Jason, and Jessa

#### **PART B:**

1. Where do you normally sit at the games? **Section 114, row 20, seat 1**
2. What is your favorite part about being a Fan Club member? **Getting to do fun activities with the players and it feels good to be a part of something that helps and supports the players so much.**
3. What is your favorite Fan Club event? **For myself I thoroughly enjoyed the adult Christmas party because it was fun watching the guys play the games and see them let loose. For my kids, I really enjoyed the children's party and getting to see my kids hang out with the players.**
4. What sports do you follow other than hockey? **Only hockey for me.**
5. What makes the 'Blades the best team in the League? **The fans.**
6. Besides the 'Blades, what other hockey team(s) do you follow?  
**NHL - Nashville Predators, Boston Bruins**  
**AHL - Milwaukee Admirals**  
**ECHL - Wheeling Nailers**
7. When someone says "hockey" who is the 1<sup>st</sup> player to pop into your head? **Adam Smith**
8. Who is your favorite 'Blades player? **Past player would definitely be Adam Smith but on the current roster would be John McCarron.**
9. If you could bring back any player from any season, who would you pick and why? **Adam Smith from the 19/20 season. My family and him got close during his time here and we have remained friends and even go on road trips to visit him. He has become family. We root for any team he plays on but I would love to see him in 'Blades gear again!**
10. What team do you enjoy watching the 'Blades play against? **Anyone other than the Solar Bears or the Icemen. We played them enough last season.**
11. If you got to hang out with the entire team for a day what would you do? **My kids would probably wanna do something fun like bowling, go-carts, trampoline park, miniature golf, etc.**
12. Which season of the 'Blades' do you consider your "dream team"? **I truly believe the team of 19/20 had what it took to win it all but then Covid happened...**
13. If you could rename the Florida Everblades what would they become? **I honestly don't know if I would change it. Florida Everblades fits perfectly.**
14. What is the farthest you've traveled to see a 'Blades game? **Orlando**
15. What is your favorite hockey themed movie? **Mighty Ducks**
16. If you play hockey (or wish you could play) what position would you play? **Probably Coach because I like telling people what to do!**

17. Which ECHL mascot would you like to see Swampy throw down on the ice? **Fang of the Jacksonville Icemen because he is so obnoxious!**
18. Favorite Promotional Night the 'Blades have? **Pink in the Rink**
19. Would you rather see your favorite ex-'Blades player score against us or win in a fight against us?  
Score:   X   Fight: \_\_\_\_\_ Neither: \_\_\_\_\_
20. Which was best? Everblades Arena \_\_\_\_\_ Teco Arena \_\_\_\_\_ Germain Arena \_\_\_\_\_ Hertz Arena   X
21. Describe the 'Blades in 3 words: **skilled, determined, winners**
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## 2021 Fan Club Meet & Greet Event

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### NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday Jan 18, 2022

- Location: TBD -

