

# THE SWAMP GAZETTE 2025/2026 SEASON THE FLORIDA EVERBLADES FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2025

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## President's Message

**President's Letter August 2025** 

As we start the 2025-2026 season, I would like to give a big warm welcome to our new, plus our long-standing members. Without our members and their participation in this club we could not exist. So, I look forward to another awesome season with our fan club and with the team on the ice!

It looks like with all the players that Coach Ralph has signed, it looks like it is going to be another long promising season.

The board has secured the venues for the Meet & Greet and Christmas party for this season. The Meet & Greet will be held at Pelican Preserve and Christmas party at Estero Country Club at the Vines.

Our next item on the agenda is our Welcome Baskets for each apartment. The list will be forth coming by email from Jackie Wholey, our secretary. If you don't have the time to shop for needed items, you can make a donation. Players that live outside of the apartments will receive a gift card in lieu of the welcome basket. The club will pick those up from donations made.

Thanking you all in advance for any contributions made.

**LET'S GO BLADES!!** 

Belinda Hanley, President Florida Everblades Fan Club

## Jamboree

The 2025 Jamboree for the ECHL/SPHL teams Booster/Fan Clubs was hosted by the Gwinnett Gladiators in Duluth, Georgia July 25-27, 2025. The Jamboree's go back to the origin of the ECHL in 1989. It is great to attend the Jamboree's each summer, see old friends, and make new ones, and work together to make our respective clubs better. It is also a time to learn what other clubs do for their team.

Friday was Team Pride night where everyone wore their team jerseys. There was a buffet dinner and then we all played musical bingo and talked with other hockey enthusiasts from all over, twelve (12) different teams' fans were in attendance. It was great getting to meet other fans that feel so passionate about their team too!

Saturday started out with a breakfast buffet and then opening remarks to welcome everyone to the 37th Annual ECHL/SPHL Jamboree. First to speak was Bobby Woolwine, he is the one that started these Jamboree's, he talked about the history of the Jamboree. The Director of Community Engagement, Former Head Coach; player, Derrick Nesbitt for the Atlanta Gladiators spoke. After that, Theresa Neman, of the Gwinnett Gladiators went over Club Constitution; Bylaws and what you should include.

Then we had an open discussion about fundraising and what clubs do to raise funds to support their teams. Also, the Atlanta Gladiators President, Jared Youngman and Hockey Writer; Media Contributor, Karen Zehner both spoke. The night ended with a buffet dinner, Cucina Italian and Casino Royale.

Sunday morning breakfast, then the weekend wrap-up and the chance to mingle with old friends, and new found friends before departing. The Jamboree next summer will be hosted by the Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs, of the SPHL (Bobby Woolwine's team) July 17-19, 2026, in Roanoke, Virginia at the beautiful Hotel Roanoke. Bobby's club always puts on an excellent Jamboree. You can get more info and keep up to date on the ECHL/SPHL Jamboree page on Facebook. Then in the summer of 2027 the Jamboree will be hosted by the Huntsville Havoc, of the SPHL in Huntsville, Alabama.

Hopefully, we can get more of our members in attendance at the next Jamboree. Belinda Hanley, Louise Festa, Cathy Maley and Courtney Maley attended this year's Jamboree.

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Reminders and Upcoming Events

#### **August**

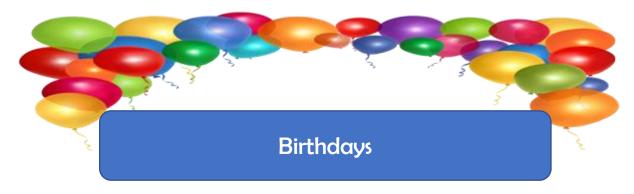
If you have not renewed your membership this will be your last newsletter!

## **September**

**Packing Party-TBD** 

## **Future**

Locker Room Tour- TBD
Meet and Greet - Sunday October 26, 2025
Christmas Party - Sunday December 14, 2025
Children's Party - Sunday January 4, 2026
Spaghetti Dinner - Tuesday February 24, 2026
March Picnic - Sunday March 29, 2026



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<u>July</u> None

**August** 

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**September** 

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## From the Editor

Please let me know if you ever have anything you want to go into this newsletter. My email is <a href="mailto:swampgazette@gmail.com">swampgazette@gmail.com</a>

Sincerely,

Megan Johnson FEFC Newsletter Editor

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