



# THE SWAMP GAZETTE

Official Newsletter of the Florida Everblades Fan Club  
November 2004



## President's Message

Hello everyone. By the time you receive this newsletter our 2004-2005 season will be underway. The season has not started the way some of the fans would have liked but we have to remember that we currently have some major player on IR. I believe that when we get back to full strength we will be a team to contend throughout the ECHL. Our job as fans is to support the team everytime they get on the ice. Remember we are the defending Eastern Conference defending champions and the banner is hanging in GERMAIN ARENA to prove it. The club is off to our best start ever. We have the best fans in the ECHL and our members continue to come forward to help out with our different committees. Remember this is your club and we are here to help the players while they're here. So far they have a new stereo and speakers and ping pong table for the weight room. The coaches also have a new TV and VCR/DVD player for training sessions with the players. Thank You for all your hard work in making this the best fan club in the ECHL.

**GO BLADES!!!**

## Let's Light Up Germain!

As one of the many fundraisers this year, the Everblades Fan Club is offering Flashing Blinky Lights for a \$3.00 donation per light and flashing hockey guys for a \$5.00 donation. Stop by the Raffle Table at the next game to pick up your supply. We also have extra batteries for sale.

## 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.

## Membership

*Gini Hogenson*  
Membership Committee

2004 is off to a really good start for our membership. Remember, the more members we have, the more things we can do for the team.

Welcome back to Renewed Members:

Doug Byington & Gini Hogenson  
Chuck "Bubba" & Karen Devan  
Melissa & Jay Willis  
Gerry & Gloria Hill  
Keith & Kimberly Christiansen  
Staci Hovitch  
Bryan & Jake Pease  
Michelle, Butch & Katherine Goble  
Jean Spence & Joan Moses

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## Road Trips

*Chuck (BUBBA) Devan*  
Road Trip Committee

October 30 was our 1<sup>st</sup> road trip for one game only. A small amount of supplies (approximately \$50.00) were put on the bus. In October we got a good deal on power bars (2 for the price of 1). We now have enough power bars to last till March 18<sup>th</sup>. The total savings to the club was \$360.00. We will continue buying the road supplies in bulk to save our club money. I would like to say it is a pleasure to work with our Officers, Board of Directors, coaches, equipment manager and trainer.

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## Community Services

*Kimberly Christiansen*  
Charity Committee

Hi and welcome back to another great season of hockey. First of all I would like to say THANK YOU for all your help last year, from helping the players and helping in the community. Last year the Fan Club was able to donate \$1000 to Barbara's Friends thanks to Marc Magliarditi and a lot of caring hockey fans. This year we are doing a food drive for Thanksgiving. Items needed are cooked turkey and gravy, cooked ham, corn bread, cooked vegetables, pies, cookies, and candy.

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## Membership

*Gini Hogenson*

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Ken & Coleen Moorehead  
Miles & Michelle Seidle & Family  
Toeny Zantello & Sherri Truscott  
Chuck Reinbolt  
Gary MacNeil  
Mark & Rhonda Adams & Family  
Al & Sharon Alvord & Mary Wichman  
Rachel Whitlock  
John Rogers & Family  
B J & Charlie Moody

Welcome Aboard to New Members:  
Anne Kerwin  
Diane, Terry & Taylor Miller  
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Michael Stauffer, Cheryl Minich & Family  
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Carrie Reynolds  
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Amy & Brett Turner & Family  
Kenneth & Sheryl Crews & Family

## Committees

Membership – *Gini Hogenson*  
Road Supplies – *Bubba Devan*  
Special Events – *Gerry Hill*  
Newsletter – *Doug Byington*  
Fundraising – *Open*  
Sunshine/Hospitality – *Karen Devan*  
Community Services – *Kimberly Christiansen*  
Volunteer Services - *Open*

## Happy Birthday Wishes

To Our Members

### September

Gloria Hill \* Jake Pease \* Mary Seidle  
Brenda Sterling \* Mark Adams  
Nicholas Adams \* Cheryl Dillon  
Scott Fruen \* Troy Withstandley  
Brett Turner

### October

Eric Reed \* PJ Oviatte  
Carrie Reynolds \* Billy Crews  
Charlie Moody \* Ken Moorehead

### November

Michelle Goble \* Katherine Goble  
Emily Seidle \* Cheryl Minich  
William Ferguson \* Marcus Truscott  
Robert Brunda \* Elise Brunda  
Brandon Rogers \* Kenneth Crews

### To Our Team

#### September

Matt Pagnutti \* Reggie Berg  
Rob Zepp

#### October

Brent McDonald \* Tim O'Connell  
Ed Hill \* Chris Lee

#### November

Cody Doucette \* Brad Church

## Road Trips

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This makes it very easy to make sure our guys have the best we can get while they're on the road. Our 1<sup>st</sup> big road trip will be December 3-7. The supplies for the 5 days will be about \$560.00, some of which we have on hand ready to go. If anyone would like to donate any supplies we would love to have them. You can call Bubba at 239 994-4499/239 947-2636 or mobiletraviler@webtv.net.

## Sunshine/Hospitality<sup>2</sup>

*Karen Devan*

Sunshine Committee

We have been able to keep up with all the member birthdays through the summer and if your birthday is coming soon keep a lookout for YOUR card in the mail. We have also brought up to date the players who had birthdays over the summer with cards and a small gift card.

The welcome baskets were put together on October 11. We had a very good turnout, with 2 players (Ryan Brindley and Brandon Coalter) to help us put the baskets together. Mr. & Mrs. Brindley brought Master Gavin along as we had presents for him. He was so good not even a peep out of him. An assembly line was set up and in a short time we had 25 baskets packed, wrapped and completed. A lot of fun was had by all. I want to thank Coleen Moorehead, Michelle & Katherine Goble and Staci Hovitch for making many cookies to give to the players. We can't put cookies on the bus for road trip so this was probably our only chance. I think a few cookies were missing along the way. We want to thank everyone who brought donations for the baskets. Big thanks to WATER 911 for the water. The baskets were given out on October 13 after the night practice and scrimmage game. We understand that the goodies packed were all put to good use.

### Be a FEFC Corporate Sponsor

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*Swamp Gazette*

*Business Card* \$5.00  
*Quarter Page* \$10.00  
*Half Page* \$20.00

Newsletter  
Doug Byington  
Newsletter Committee

The Newsletter committee is still looking for volunteers to help create one of the best newsletters in the ECHL. The committee is looking for reporters, photo submitters, article writers and people with ideas and imaginations. The newsletter, "Swamp Gazette", is a monthly publication and is created by and for the Everblades Fan Club members. Submissions to the newsletter are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. Articles and photos should be submitted electronically using e-mail or dropping off a diskette to the Fan Club Raffle Table at home games.

If you have a great idea, please let us know and you too could become a part of the fan club activities. Just contact me or stop by and see me at the raffle table.

Membership  
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Membership cards are ready. If you haven't received yours yet, please stop by the Raffle Table to pick it up.

Any suggestions or ideas to help our membership grow would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me at [Trvlnman06@earthlink.net](mailto:Trvlnman06@earthlink.net) or phone 239-281-0554. Let's Keep Growing!!!

From the Special Projects  
Chairman:

The Hockey Puck Shadow Box is all together except One Puck from Victoria. No date when it will be ready. The Shadow Box will go on the Raffle Table on November 19, 2004. The shadow Box for the Signed Pictures and Signed Pucks will be ready by the end of November if we can get the team pictures and have them signed. The Coffee Table will be ready for the after Christmas Raffle. We will have an Everblade's Fan Club Sponsors board ready for November 19, 2004 to let everyone know who our sponsors are. It will be at the next membership meeting this Month. Bubba and I have already added some of our sponsors and we think it looks great.

Player Transportation  
Bubba Devan

We had a great turn out for taking players to Southwest Regional Airport for the West Coast swing. The group was on time and players were not crowded (Which was good because hockey players are not a happy bunch when they have to get up early).. Thanks to new members Aldee Rosenberg and Jean Sawyer along with old members Doug, Gini, Jay, Jerry (real old!), Bubba and Karen. Bubba and Big took the equipment to the airport the night before to get the equipment x-rayed to avoid any delays on departure day. We would like to thank Lt. Mark Adams and the Port Authority Police Department for his assistance with staging the trailer at the airport. This was a great help. If you would like to help transport players in the future please call Bubba or any Officer or Board Member.

*The Blades Best*

**ECHL PLAYER OF THE WEEK NOMINATION: The Everblades ECHL player of the PLAYER OF THE MONTH, PLUS PERFORMER OF THE MONTH and PLAYER OF THE WEK was Damiam Surma. The native of Lincoln Park, ranked 4th in scoring tied for a league leading 9 goals and is leading the ECHL in plus/minus.**

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These items will be delivered to the Café of Life on Thanksgiving morning between 10am and 10:30am. We are also getting ready for Christmas. We will be collecting can goods-canned meat, tuna, dry beans, rice, corn, green beans, small jars of peanut butter and jelly. We will adopt families and donate clothes to them. We are also donating personal items-all travel size toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, insect spray and flash lights. If you think you could donate any items or help out please call Kimberly @ 239-592-5791. We do appreciate all you do. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of others.

*It's All About The Blades*  
Angela Mocknis

Have you ever wondered about your favorite Everblade player? What about what they like and what they don't like? Where they were before they were in the ECHL, or even on the Everblades team? Well if this is you, than this is the article for you to read.

I will be interviewing the Everblade players to get all that information out. If you have any questions you want to know from that one specific player, please come down to the Florida Everblades Fan Club Table, donate \$1.00 to the Everblades, and write your question, and than look for it in the next months issue of the Swamp Gazette.

Look for your Favorite Everblade Player in December issue of the Swamp Gazette.

I hope that you enjoy the 6<sup>th</sup> year of ECHL hockey in South West Florida, here at TECO Arena. Don't forget to show your support for the Florida Everblades, and become a Fan Club Member.

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## Florida Everblades Team Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Result
<b>October, 2004</b>				
Oct. 22	Friday	Texas Wildcatters @ Florida Everblades	7:30:PM	6-2 W
Oct. 23	Saturday	Texas Wildcatters @ Florida Everblades	7:30:PM	2-3 L
Oct. 26	Tuesday	Gwinnett Gladiators @ Florida Everblades	7:30:PM	4-3 W
Oct. 29	Friday	Mississippi Sea Wolves @ Florida Everblades	7:30:PM	6-3 W
Oct. 30	Saturday	Florida Everblades @ Pensacola Ice Pilots	8:05:PM	4-5 L
<b>November, 2004</b>				
Nov. 4	Thursday	Florida Everblades @ San Diego Gulls	10:05:PM	2-6 L
Nov. 5	Friday	Florida Everblades @ Long Beach Ice Dogs	10:35:PM	3-2 W
Nov. 6	Saturday	Florida Everblades @ Long Beach Ice Dogs	10:00:PM	1-4 L
Nov. 10	Wednesday	Florida Everblades @ Idaho Steelheads	9:05:PM	4-2 W
Nov. 12	Friday	Florida Everblades @ Idaho Steelheads	9:05:PM	2-3 L
Nov. 13	Saturday	Florida Everblades @ Idaho Steelheads	9:05:PM	2-4 L
Nov. 19	Friday	Pee Dee Pride @ Florida Everblades	7:30:PM	0-2 L
Nov. 20	Saturday	Pee Dee Pride @ Florida Everblades	7:30:PM	5-4 SOW
Nov. 24	Wednesday	Greenville Grrrowl @ Florida Everblades	7:30:PM	1-5 L
Nov. 26	Friday	Greenville Grrrowl @ Florida Everblades	7:30:PM	2-3 L
Nov. 27	Saturday	Las Vegas Wranglers @ Florida Everblades	7:30:PM	1-0 W
Nov. 30	Tuesday	Las Vegas Wranglers @ Florida Everblades	7:30:PM	
<b>December, 2004</b>				
Dec. 3	Friday	Florida Everblades @ South Carolina Stingrays	7:05:PM	
Dec. 4	Saturday	Florida Everblades @ Pee Dee Pride	7:30:PM	
Dec. 5	Sunday	Florida Everblades @ Pee Dee Pride	2:30:PM	
Dec. 7	Tuesday	Florida Everblades @ Gwinnett Gladiators	7:05:PM	
Dec. 10	Friday	South Carolina Stingrays @ Florida Everblades	7:30:PM	
Dec. 11	Saturday	South Carolina Stingrays @ Florida Everblades (TV UPN-8)	7:30:PM	
Dec. 14	Tuesday	Pensacola Ice Pilots @ Florida Everblades	7:30:PM	
Dec. 17	Friday	Augusta Lynx @ Florida Everblades	7:30:PM	
Dec. 18	Saturday	Augusta Lynx @ Florida Everblades	7:30:PM	
Dec. 21	Tuesday	Florida Everblades @ Pensacola Ice Pilots	8:05:PM	
Dec. 22	Wednesday	Pensacola Ice Pilots @ Florida Everblades	7:30:PM	
Dec. 28	Tuesday	Florida Everblades @ Pensacola Ice Pilots	8:05:PM	
Dec. 31	Friday	Charlotte Checkers @ Florida Everblades	7:30:PM	