

Agenda Item 4: SFWMD Recreational Meeting – September 16, 2019

Palm Beach Shooting Sports Complex Update

Work on the final phases of construction at the Palm Beach Shooting Sports Complex are nearing completion.

The FWC is pleased to announce that Brian O'Connor, who has an impressive resume in service industry management, will serve as the [Palm Beach Shooting Sports Complex](#) general manager. Brian started working last week. He is currently assembling a team of staff and volunteers to operate the facility.

Palm Beach County has granted a stocking permit enabling staff to ready the buildings for public use. The FWC plans to open the 100-yard-rifle and handgun ranges to the public for weekend use as soon as construction of the water plant is completed and a certificate of occupancy is obtained for the buildings.

When there's a firm date for allowing weekend use of the 100-yard-rifle and handgun ranges, an announcement will be posted on [MyFWC.com/Ranges](#). Those interested in receiving email updates about the Palm Beach Shooting Sports Complex should contact Lynne.Hawk@MyFWC.com.

Construction on the 200- and 300-yard shooting lines and overhead baffling is ongoing. Once these components are completed, all rifle and handgun ranges will open for daily operations Thursday through Monday. In addition, construction of trap and skeet fields is progressing. The projected timeline for completing them is by the end of the year.

When finished, this state-of-the-art facility will safely support the needs of hunters, hunter safety students, and target shooters. The complex, one of the largest shooting sports facilities in Florida, will meet growing demand for target shooting opportunities with five rifle and handgun ranges; five Olympic trap fields; six American trap fields; nine skeet fields; and a 15-station sporting clays course.

This project is supported by funding from the [Wildlife Restoration program](#), which brings funding to Florida from the sporting arms and archery industries and the people of Florida who participate in those activities. Additional support and funding for the Palm Beach County Shooting Sports Park are provided by Palm Beach County, National Rifle Association, Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, and South Florida Water Management District.

The facility is located at Seminole Pratt Whitney Road – toward the main entrance to J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area and Everglades Youth Conservation Center Camp.