

# APWS 75th Anniversary Convention 2011 Nov 2 – 5, 2011 Tentative Schedule

**Hotel: Embassy Suites Palm Beach Gardens, Florida**

**Airport: West Palm Beach**

**IMPORTANT!! Cut Off Date: October 2, 2011.**

**Embassy Suites Palm Beach Gardens PGA Boulevard**

**4350 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens, Fl. 33410**

**Phone: 561-622-1000**

**Early Arrivals & Board Check In: Tues Nov 1, 2011 All Others Check In: Wed, Nov 2, 2011**

**Check Out: Sunday, Nov 6, 2011**

**\*\*Please Note Those staying on to Post\*\* Extra Luggage will be stored while on Post Trip**

**Post Trip Re-Check In: Wed, Nov 9, 2011 Check Out: Thurs, Nov 10, 2011**

**Rate: 109.00 per night plus tax for 2 people.**

**Complimentary Cooked to Order breakfast ~ Complimentary Managers reception**

**When making reservations must identify yourself as being with the American Pheasant and Waterfowl or APWS Group Rate is good 3 days prior and after event.**

**Tuesday 11/1** - Early Arrivals Arrive Embassy Suites PGA

Complimentary Manager's Reception

**Wednesday 11/2**

Complimentary Breakfast

900 am - Noon Board Meeting

400 pm Pick up Registration Packets in Lobby

5:30 – 7:30 Complimentary Manager's Reception

Evening on own

**Thursday 11/3**

Complimentary Breakfast Depart Embassy Suites PGA 800 am

Arrive 9:00 am Stuart & Sylvia Denton, Palm City ~ Noon – 1:00 Complimentary Lunch at Denton's

Depart 1:00 Arrive 2:00 Palm Beach Zoo at Dreher Park

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Zoo Tour guided by Keith Lovett

4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Wings Over Water Show

4:30 pm - 5:15 pm Hand passed hors d' oeuvres (inside tent) and animal encounters (outside tent)

5:15 pm - 6:00 pm Mike Lubbock's Presentation (LCD projector and screen will be provided by the zoo)

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Membership Meeting

Return to Embassy Suites PGA by 800 pm

**Friday 11/4**

Complimentary Breakfast Depart Embassy Suites PGA 800 am

9:00 Arrive Odom's Birds and Orchids - John and Louise Odom, Fort Pierce Depart 10:15 am

10:45 am Arrive Town of the Historic Town of Stuart for town stroll and lunch on own Board Bus 1:00 pm SHARP!!

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Boat Tour around the Historic town of Stuart on the St Lucie Inlet (sightings of birds & bottlenose dolphins)

4:00 pm Return to Hotel no later than 500 PM

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Complimentary Manager's Reception

6:00 pm Group Dinner and Benefit Auction

**Saturday 11/5**

Complimentary Breakfast Depart Embassy Suites PGA 730 am

Arrive 930 Father Kubala St. Francis Gardens at St. Thomas the Apostle – South Miami

12:30 – 1:30 Complimentary Lunch at St. Francis Gardens at St. Thomas the Apostle

Depart 1:30 pm

Arrive 3:00 pm The Girls Strawberry Patch Bird Sanctuary – Delray Beach

Depart 4:30 pm Arrive Embassy Suites PGA no later than 500 pm

5:30 – 7:30 Complimentary Manager's Reception

6:00 pm 75th Anniversary Awards Banquet ~ Verdea Restaurant Executive Chef James King

Banquet Guest Speaker Dr. Susan Clubb, DVM

**Sunday 11/6** - Flights Home OR Continue on Key West Post Trip

## Key West ~ Post Trip 11/6 ~ 11/9 Tentative Schedule

**Hotel: Comfort Inn Key West (FL372), 3820 N. Roosevelt Blvd  
Key West, FL, US, 33040-4599 Phone: (305) 294-5511**

**Check In: Sunday, November 6, 2011 Check Out: Wednesday, November 9, 2011**

**Rate: 111.20 plus tax per night/per 2 people Complimentary Breakfast**

**When making reservations must identify APWS Group**

Things to Take: Small suitcase, Binoculars, Camera, Swim Suits, Casual Resort Wear, Good Walking Shoes, Flip Flips/Sandals, Long Sleeve Shirt, Light Rain Jacket, Sunscreen, Hats and Sunglasses. Motion Sickness Pills! Extra luggage is to be stored at Embassy Suites.

### **Sunday 11/6**

Complimentary Breakfast Embassy Suites  
7:15 am Depart early for Key West  
9:15 am Arrive Everglades Eco Adventure & Airboat Tour  
9:30 am – 10:20 am Boat Tour  
10:30 am – 11:00 am Wildlife Show  
Depart for Key West 11:30  
Stop to Get a Quick Bite and Stretch legs  
Early Dinner at Boondocks  
Arrive at Hotel in Key West

### **Monday 11/7**

Complimentary Breakfast Comfort Inn  
Key West City Tour by Old Town Trolley  
Group Photo at the Southernmost Point  
Key West Butterfly and Nature Conservatory  
Ernest Hemingway House and Museum  
Lunch on own & Optional Afternoon Tours (these tours can also be done next day if you do not take Optional Trip  
Harry S. Truman Little White House (Optional – I can get you tickets-contact me)  
Mel Fisher Museum (Optional - I can get you tickets-contact me)  
Key West Aquarium (Optional – I can get you tickets-contact me)  
Sunset Celebration at Mallory Square (get there by 500-530 to get a good spot and look at artist & vendors wares)  
Dinner on own – Return to Hotel by Taxi (if after Trolley hours)

**Tuesday 11/8** Key West - Dry Tortugas National Park Optional Trip Or Day on your own exploring Key West or relaxing by the pool at the hotel. Complimentary Breakfast Comfort Inn

**\*\*Highly Suggested All Day Tour - Dry Tortugas National Park:** include Boat ride trip to/from, Narrated tour of Fort Jefferson, Bird Watching and Snorkeling/Snorkeling Gear, \*Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks Included (I will get group tickets for those who want to do this-trip is limited and fills up fast) Please note: you do not have to snorkel.

Dry Tortugas National Park preserves Fort Jefferson and the Dry Tortugas section of the Florida Keys. The park covers 101 mi<sup>2</sup> (262 km<sup>2</sup>), mostly water, about 68 statute miles (109 km) west of Key West in the Gulf of Mexico. Dry Tortugas National Park is famous for abundant sea life, colorful coral reefs and legends of shipwrecks and sunken treasures. The park's centerpiece is Fort Jefferson, a massive but unfinished coastal fortress. It is the largest masonry structure in the Western Hemisphere, and is composed of over 16 million bricks. The park has almost 80,000 visitors each year. The park is accessible only by seaplane or boat. During your voyage to one of America's most remote National Parks, you will enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Marquesa Islands, Boca Grande, and frequent turtle and dolphin sightings. People flock to the Dry Tortugas island chain for the absolute best snorkeling in Florida. Snorkelers merely walk into the water with their gear and start snorkeling. Those who do not wish to go to the Dry Tortugas are free to spend the day in Key West walking the Old Town area or tour of choice or just relax by the pool at the hotel or go to the beach. There's loads of stuff to do and see. The 31st Annual Key West World Championship Super Boat Races will also be there so it is important to register for this trip on time.

Lunch on own except Dry Tortugas trip Dinner on own

### **Wednesday 11/9**

Complimentary Breakfast Comfort Inn  
10:00 am Return to Embassy Suites Palm Beach  
Florida Keys Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center then to the Bat Tower at Sugarloaf  
Lunch Stop and tentative stop as time permits.  
6:00 pm Arrive Embassy Suites PGA  
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Complimentary Manager's Reception Embassy Suites

**Thursday 11/10** - Flights Home