

# HARRODS CREEK FIELD & STREAM CLUB

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AUGUST MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1992  
7:30 PM AT THE JEFFERSON GUN CLUB  
SOUTH PARK ROAD



**MEETING SITE:** Please note the site of the August meeting. We are meeting at the Jefferson Gun Club. Come on out and check it out, and let their members check us out. Adult beverages are available at their club, so leave the camouflage coolers at home.

**DOLDRUMS OF SUMMER:** This is going to be a short newsletter, as not much has been going on. I trust that you have been fishing and gearing up for dove, bow, squirrel and all of the upcoming seasons. By way of a fishing report, I hear that Barry Sullivan has been whacking bass at both Rough River and Taylorsville Lake. It's a good thing he has a slow boat. That way if you see him out fishing, you can follow him to his spots without him losing you. I've heard very few other reports from you 'creekers. Let me know what's going on.

**THE EAGLE HAS LANDED:** Recently, one of the dock hands at Guist Creek Lake spotted an immature bald eagle at the Shelbyville lake. This is not a story like the pink elephants and giant rabbits that many of us see at the Catfish Derby. This guy actually got photos of the National Bird flying around in rural Shelby County. America comes back to our suburbs! Let's hope that the little guy (or gal) finds a mate and decides to raise a family.

**SMOKEPOLE ALERT!:** Fred Kirsch has proposed a Third District muzzle loading rifle match. The match will be between the clubs of the Third District and will be held on September 12. Each club will have the option of putting forth a five person team. We will have more details about this shoot at the meeting. Oil up ole Betsy and let's bring yet another trophy home to the hallowed halls of HCFS.

**GOLF IS FOR SISSIES:** You might have read that the 1996 PGA tournament will be held here in Louisville at Valhalla Country Club. All of the local politicians and big shots have made a lot over this tourney being held here. I don't remember such a fuss being made over Louisville hosting the Bassmaster Classic in 1987. It seems to me that one hell of a lot more people fish than play golf. Sure, the big golf tournaments get TV air play, but fishing is on every Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon. More people watch fishing shows than golf. This must be true, because there are more fishing shows on TV than golf. The marketplace dictates what will appear on TV. Fishing shows are on TV because research shows that tons of people watch them. Advertisers like to buy commercials on shows which are being watched. Why then did the Bassmaster Classic get largely ignored while the PGA is getting big play four years before it happens? Could it be that the movers and shakers of our community have very little idea in what the average Jefferson Countian is interested? Golf is okay. Hell, I even play once every five years or so. I wish the PGA well. I hope that the '96 deal is a success. I just want to point out that sportsmen outnumber golfers by about a zillion to one. If we ever get a shot at another large, national sportsmens' event, I hope the fathers of our fair city will treat it to the same hoopla that the golfers will undoubtedly receive.



In Cooperation with League of Kentucky Sportsman (3rd District),  
National Rifle Association, National Wildlife Federation

**MY TURN:** This month's **My Turn** column is written by Brad Hobbs. It is based upon a suggestion by Brad Breeland. I tried to get Brad Breeland to write the column, but he sent me the idea and then left town. I'll let Brad Hobbs tell the story:

"Brad Breeland recently sent this quote to Terry to include in the newsletter. This Brad (Hobbs) thinks that the quote forms the basis for My Turn ...so here goes... "

"One person being a good sportsman is better than fifty people talking about being a good sportsman."

-Knut Rockne

"One person being....."

**BEING:** That which exists as an actuality or entity in time and space...  
-Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary We all know that our actions have impact. In all walks of our lives, what we do reflects upon our actual priorities. It seems to me that we live in a media driven society where the projection of a persona is held up as more important than the hard reflection of an individual. If we, as sportsmen, allow ourselves to be defined rather than defining ourselves we have made a grave mistake. We are painted with the help of a compliant (at best) media, as throwbacks to an earlier age. Outdated, living in the past, understanding little of the relationship between man and animal.

I revolt!

I know of no relationship which does not require the commitments of time. So many things we know...

We know not to bush hog in the late spring through mid summer, for our wildlife nest then.

We know not to clear indiscriminately, for it drives the wildlife to lands not so treated.

We know not to destroy the property of landowners, for it is not right and reflects badly upon all sportsmen.

We know to allow the natural progression of the wilds and to accept it - all things live and die.

We know to allow for a mix of habitats - for all wildlife depends upon other wildlife.

We know that sound game management is a long term investment - for we have been instrumental in the resurgence of many species.

How do we know these things? By being - by understanding that which exists in actuality...by spending time in the relationship between man and wildlife...by recognizing what my individual commitment brings to that relationship.

We will all benefit if each of us - every hunter, fisherman, outdoorsman - takes responsibility to the level of individual action. Only if we act like sportsmen can we truly call ourselves sportsmen.

As yet another fall season approaches, let us all remember what it means to define ourselves by our actions as individuals. I know that you cherish wildlife. Be a sportsman - ACT - knowing that those who share in your sport will cherish your actions.

Thanks, Brad.

**BULLY PULPIT:** This month I am back to being bitchy. Three things have crossed my path in the last month that I believe deserve your attention. The first of these things is a report issued by the Humane Society of the United States. This report was noticed in George Rieger's column in Field and Stream last month. Essentially, what the Humane Society (HSUS) report said was that the four hundred odd national wildlife refuges were being used for...gasp...hunting. They went on to say that this was in direct opposition to the purpose of providing "inviolable wildlife sanctuaries" that Theodore Roosevelt envisioned when he established these refuges. Can you imagine the nerve of the HSUS stating that TR was opposed to hunting? Preposterous! These people have taken some emotional swill, tacked on the name of a great president and have put it forth as fact! They seem to have latched on to Hitler's Big Lie theory... Tell a big lie and tell it often enough and it will be accepted as fact. The problem is, they are getting this message to the unwashed masses, who may believe that it is indeed fact.

The second thing that you should be aware of is the legislation facing the voters of Arizona this fall. This legislation would, among other things, prohibit any type of game management practice which used traps, firearms, lethal or stupefying drugs. The law looks innocuous when you read it the first time, but the more you read it the ugly truth comes through. This law could be used as the basis for making hunting, fishing and trapping illegal in Arizona. Yes, I know that Arizona is 2,000 miles from here. I also know that Arizona is not exactly a state in which the bunny huggers run rampant. Arizona always seemed to me like a state in which the population had it's head screwed on correctly. Apparently I'm wrong. This law has a dead running chance of passing according to what I've read. I know that passage of such a law and it's use against hunters is incredulous. I must remind you that such laws are being hatched and nursed by the system that let Mel Ignatow go Scot free and gave the witness who turned State's evidence against him five years in the big house. It may very well happen in Arizona. It could happen here.

The last issue that I wish to raise this month is the massive amount of radio time Andrea Reed has been getting lately. For those of you who are not familiar with Andrea, she is the local representative for the Fund for Animals. Yes, she is the head bunny hugger. She recently had a one hour dialogue with Cameron Lawrance on Down to Earth a radio program heard weekly on WFPL Public Radio. She then had a three hour call in show on Doug McElvin's show on WHAS. Down to Earth was bad enough. One solid hour of

her preaching the bunny hugger animal rightist manifesto while answering creampuff questions from Lawrence was a hell of a nice hit for the rightists. As good as that show was for the animal rights whackos, the McElvin show was an absolute crock. Andrea got three hours on a 50,000 watt clear channel station to saturate the public with the bunny hugger swill. She fielded questions from the listeners. When someone agreed with her, they got to speak at great length. When someone from the correct side of the issue called, they were only given a great deal of time when they were inarticulate. This was apparently done to make hunters and fishers look like a bunch of cro magnon rednecks, barely capable of expressing themselves. When a caller who could articulately challenge the swill got through, they were interrupted by a commercial. Funny how those commercials only come up when the guest is taking it on the chin. McElvin and Company used the public airwaves and violated their public trust as a FCC licensee to bring a one sided slant to his program. Thanks a bunch, Doug. We really need you and your guest to tell us what to think. We already have Rush Limbaugh for that!

My reason for telling you about these three things is to give you a graphic illustration of what is happening around us. As hunters and fishers we are keeping alive a long tradition of preserving wildlife. This has been going on since the first license was sold. We used to be considered one of the most important links in the conservation chain by the public. We are being derided by the animal rightists who are working at a fever pitch to convince the public that we are the enemy of wildlife. We are the people who pillage, rape and plunder our woods, waters, fields and streams. They are using the big lie effectively against us. How can we turn the tide? I wish I knew the answer. On a personal level, I suppose that each and every one of us should take every opportunity to debunk the crap that they spew. Collectively, we should all support and help organizations which actively support our side. Every act like this, regardless of it's size, will help our side in some way. It always seems like the sportsman's side comes from a bunker mentality. We fight on all sides from a defensive posture. I wonder how we will ever take the fight to them? They seem to be on the offensive. We on the other hand, appear to have hit the bunkers and hope to wait them out. It ain't gonna happen. Some way, some how, we have to take the offensive and the upper hand. How, I don't know. I'm looking for suggestions.

## The Long, Long Trail



**43** This cartoon, drawn at the time of the death of Theodore Roosevelt in 1919, was Ding's very most popular. Oddly enough, Ding drew this cartoon as a temporary production until he could develop a stylized piece of art. But this cartoon's instant popularity precluded any successor.

