



## HARRODS CREEK FIELD & STREAM CLUB

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FEBRUARY MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19  
7:30 NORTH OLDHAM LION'S CLUB

**LOTTERY:** This month's club lotto has risen to \$40.00. To win, you must have your 1992 dues paid and be present at the meeting for the drawing. The forty bucks represents the carryover pool from January. Be there and get the money!

**LEGISLATIVE ALERT:** A friend of the sportsman, Senator Walter Blevins introduced a bill into the state legislature regarding the dumping sewage or pollution into our lakes. It is a strong bill which will prevent future debacles such as Lake Cumberland. It is printed in this newsletter in it's entirety. As with any such bill that benefits sportsmen, your letters to your legislators will help get it passed. The only way that we will preserve our traditions for our children is to act now.

**V-DAY:** Remember, March 1, 1992 is "V" day. This is the day that we hope all sportsmen will mail their fishing or hunting licenses to: The Honorable Don Blanford, Speaker of the State House of Representatives, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. Our club sent letters to 569 other clubs asking them to join with us in this effort to let the politicians know that we are interested in how we are treated. Let's get a turnout that will let them know we care.

**WOOD DUCK BOXES:** Last weekend, several club members put together some high class wood duck nesting boxes. If you have a location that is suitable for such a box and are willing to install it correctly, let us know. We probably have a box. As many of you know, wood duck hatchlings that are reared in a wood duck box will look for a similar box when they breed. This is called imprinting. If our are used, boxes, we can look forward to greater survival rates, and wood duck ducklings that will look to nest in boxes when they get the urge. This is one form of duck habitat that we can impact upon locally. Thanks to all of the folks who spent their Sunday morning putting these boxes together. Let's hope for a successful hatch!

**INFORMATION:** Your Third District Wildlife Commissioner is George Foster. His phone number is 933-1992. There has been some confusion as to how to reach George. If you need to speak with him, you now know how.



In Cooperation with League of Kentucky Sportsman (3rd District),



**MY TURN:** This month's MY TURN article is from the Gary Artman. He writes:

Bear hunting in Canada. Elk and mule deer hunting in the Rocky Mountains. Pheasant hunting in the draws and fields of Nebraska. How many times have you dreamed of going on such hunts? How many lottery tickets have you bought to finance such a trip? \$900 bear hunts? \$750 elk hunts? \$250 pheasant hunts? I have taken all of these hunts. The big news is that anyone who learns the tricks of finding the bargain hunt can take these trips. The bear hunt was guided, but all of the other hunts were just a group of hunters on limited budgets who researched their sport.

Talking with people who have been on previous hunts will teach you a lot about the game you are after and the areas in which you will hunt. Magazine articles and books will teach you a great deal about your quarry. With a little looking you can save hundreds or even thousands of dollars. For example, my elk camp was within 1 mile of the renown Screaming Eagles Outfitters. Hunters at Screaming Eagles were paying \$2,000 to sleep in the outfitter's tent and ride his horses. Anyone with a valid license and elk tag can hunt the same area for free. We all got about the same amount of elk. Our pheasant hunt was four hunters who shared expenses for the drive and camp. The bear hunt was guided, but it was guided by a small outfitter who could do a very good job for a lot less than the big boys. My point is this: the cost of an exotic hunt can be a lot less than you think. Sure, the amounts of money I mention seem like a lot, but when you consider that an evening out can easily cost you \$75.00, these prices seem cheap. Get together with your friends, decide what you want to hunt and do it. Be the people in the hunting stories instead of the ones just reading them.

Thanks, Gary, for your interesting perspective. Next month's column is open. Give me a call at 566-6884 if you have a subject burning in your head to get out.

**DUES:** The annual thirty dollar dues are due. This is all of the whining about money I am going to do. Pay up!

**HUNTING/FISHING REPORT:** I have received no reports of hunting or fishing activity. Let me know what's happening, and I'll mentioned in the newsletter.

**COOK BOOK:** We are going to try to put together a book of favorite game recipes. We are looking for your favorite recipes. If you can cook something that tastes better than this side of Heaven, let David O'Neil know. He will be compiling this cook book.

**LETTER TO THE GOV:** As you probably know, Governor Brereton Jones worked hard his first nine days in office to get Jamestown and The Lake Cumberland Trust off the dime in reaching a compromise on the pipeline. Your club wrote a letter to the Jones to tell him that we are happy with his work. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

**SPORTING CLAY SHOOT:** Several members have indicated an interest in having a sporting clays shoot. If there is enough interest, we will make arrangements with the Jefferson Gun Club to schedule a shoot. This is the hottest shotgun sport going. It is a real challenge. It simulates the shots that you really get to take. This could be fun.

**CLUB HISTORY:** Brad Hobbs has agreed to undertake writing the club's history. Those of you who have been here for years might want to start rethinking how we came to be where we are now. Brad will be calling on you when his school obligations lighten up this summer.

**BULLY PULPIT:** This month, I would like to talk about some of the things for which I am personally thankful. Stores have Christmas in July sales, so why can't I have Thanksgiving in February?

I am very thankful for the fact that my father and grandfather got me interested in fishing. It is a sport and hobby that has followed me throughout my entire 38 years. The amount of joy that drowning worms and tangling lines has given me is beyond measure.

I am thankful that we are lucky enough to live in a state that has yet to severely limit gun ownership. Many of our compatriots in states as close as Illinois and Missouri are faced with senseless, vicious gun control laws. We've got to fight to keep our laws sensible, but we must be thankful that we have as good a situation as we enjoy.

I am thankful that I have had ample opportunity to hunt and fish for what I want. Not only have I been fortunate to take some trips to hunt away from home, but I have been blessed by living in a region that has many and varied species of fish and game to pursue. A person could spend his entire life hunting and fishing in Kentucky, and not exhaust all of the possibilities.

I am thankful for the fellowship that comes from our club. A large part of the joy of the field sports is sharing the experience with like minded people. I have been fortunate enough to associate myself with a group of people who love their sports and respect the fields and streams.

I have written this column for quite some time. Much of the time I have used it to bitch and rail against things that would hurt our sport. We all have read and wrote in righteous indignation. We need to defend our sport vigor. We face tremendous pressure from the anti gunners, the animal activists, the uncaring bureaucrats and the polluters. Along with the zealous fight, we need to take the time to look at what we do have to be thankful for. No matter how bad we perceive that things are, we still have a lot to be thankful for. I'm thankful for one more thing. February is the shortest month. All of the hunting seasons are winding down in February. Fishing is weak in February and it's too damn cold to fish anyway. The weather stinks. I'm thankful that it's the shortest month so that we can get rid of it and onto the balmy skies and the good crappie fishing of March.

See you Wednesday Night!