

HARRODS CREEK FIELD & STREAM
"KENTUCKY'S OLDEST ACTIVE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB"
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JANUARY MEETING, WEDNESDAY THE 18TH
NORTH OLDHAM LION'S CLUB 7:30 P.M.

OPENING COMMENT

1995 is here. I hope this finds everyone healthy, wealthy & wise and looking forward to a happy New Year of days afield, or on your favorite lake & stream. The Hunting & Fishing outlook is better than anyone could have predicted, even 10 years ago. Deer & Turkey populations are higher now than when Daniel Boone roamed "The Happy Hunting Ground" 250 years ago. Modern Fish & Game Management policies, financed by Sportsman dollars, are responsible for this phenomenon, not so called "Animal Rights Activists" wasting the departments time and more important money, on senseless law suits that would curtail or even stop legal hunting & fishing activities that are responsible for the tremendous rebound in Wildlife populations. In 1995 we must be vigilant & guard against infringement of our legal rights from the animal terrorists, that would ultimately decimate wild life populations through starvation and inbreeding. Make your 1995 resolution to do at least one thing to promote Hunting or Fishing; clean up a lake shore or wood lot, share your bounty with others, or most important introduce someone to the outdoors. In these ways we can protect our heritage for us and future generations.

OLD BUSINESS

Heartfelt thanks to Bill More, his officers & board of directors. Their hard work and dedication has left us with money in the bank and a rosy outlook for 95. MANY THANKS GUYS.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thanks to all the volunteers & chefs who made it a wonderful time. We wined & dined approximately 88 people and I think everyone left with a smile on their faces. Special congratulations to our annual award winners, who were selected by their peers as setting higher standard for sportsmanship in 1994. We can all be proud of their recognition for their dedication to the sport.

NEW BUSINESS

It's time for 1995 Membership Dues. Enclosed is a new application and it is very important that it is filled completely for our upcoming Membership Directory, Kentucky Afield Magazine & 3rd District Membership. Please return by mail or next meeting to Gary Artman. We must have application with \$35.00 dues. Thanks. TELL A FRIEND, COLLEAGUE OR NEIGHBOR ABOUT OUR CLUB AND RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN 1995.

WILD BOAR HUNT

Club Members or Interested Hunters are invited to join us for a wild board hunt in Crossville, Tennessee at Caryonah Lodge on April 1st & 2nd. The cost is \$485.00 per person which includes 2 nights lodging and 4 meals. This is an unbelievable experience. Contact me (Gary Artman) for more information, 241-5717.

**** Our January Speaker is Chuck Juengling from Quail Unlimited.**

PRESIDENT & CABINET

Our New President and his cabinet members are seated below with office holder and telephone numbers. We are committed to serve you so please call at anytime to discuss club business (or a hunting or fishing hot spot).

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BULLY PULPIT: Last Monday, I had the opportunity to debate the ethics of hunting with Louisville's premier animal rightist, Andrea Reed. The venue for this debate was the Jane Norris on WHAS RADIO.

I went into this debate with some trepidation. Why should the issue of the ethical justification of hunting even be debated. Hunting is, by its' own nature, an ethical activity. Why should I have to defend its' validity to a natural fabric wearing, vegetable eating bunny hugger? Especially one who makes her living trying to discredit people such as me. One balance, I decided that the animal rightists get a free ride in the media far too often. In spite of the fact several of my learned friends advised me not to go on, I gave it a shot. The results were interesting.

First of all, I did a good bit study on the issue before I ever got to the radio station. Some of the things I learned were astounding. Our friends, the animal rightists, are not above playing extremely dirty to further their cause. The public may think that only a lunatic fringe are involved in bombing laboratories, setting zoo animals free, throwing blood on fur coats and similar terroristic activities. Wrongo! People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Fund for Animals and other main line groups act as the public relations arm of these lunatic fringe groups. They do not disavow this violence as a general rule.

Another thing that I discovered about the animal rightists is that they are rich! Fund for Animals, for example, grosses about 2.5 million per year in donations and has cash reserves (money in the bank) of 10 million dollars! You'd think that with ten big ones in the bank, that they could do a little habitat restoration or research, rather than spending their cash on slogans like "Meat is Murder" and "Fur is Dear". Their methods of conservation are strange, to say the least. I also learned that the animal rightists are losing the war. Contributions to the various bunny hugger groups have fallen by thirty percent over the last three years. Sales of furs have been on the rise since their all time low in 1991. Sales of fishing licenses and tackle (Yes, the animal rights cults hate fishing. They think fishing is the torture of fish.) are at an all time high. Every time I go into Winn Dixie, I see plenty of folks bent over the meat case selecting dinner. This evidence indicates to me that the bunny huggers are spending more but having less success in winning the hearts and minds of America.

On the day of the show, I did my usual morning routine and headed to the radio studio. Upon arriving, I was seated in the lobby with Andrea. We chatted pleasantly for about ten minutes before we were called into the studio. Although she's not my cut of tea, she was perfectly pleasant in conversation. We talked about some light subjects, and I detected no animosity towards me personally. I wouldn't want to travel cross country in a car with her, but almost anyone could stand to ride the bus downtown with her.

At the appointed hour, we were called into the studio. That's when the professional bunny hugger took over and she puts on her game face.

Andrea is well schooled in the bunny hugger company line. All of her statements are couched in the most polemic language. She talks in terms of "murder", "terror", "harassment" and other such hot button words when discussing hunting. She cleverly ties other elements of the animal rightist agenda to the issue of hunting. I was impressed with her ability to bring livestock production, animal research and fur into a debate of hunting. These people are the masters of tying every evil in society into hunting.

The host, Jane Norris, played the game absolutely square. She was more than fair to both of us. To her credit, Jane had no bias against hunters going into this show. That is unusual among the media types. I don't know how she is about other things, but she was right on this issue. She did not let Andrea off scot free when she said something that bordered on the ridiculous. Further, since she was introducing Andrea as the Mid Central Coordinator for the Fund for Animals, she felt like she should introduce me with some sort of title. I found none quite as honorable as being President of the Harrod's Creek Field and Stream Club, so that's how she referred to me throughout the show. One more opportunity for the public to see which club is on the cutting edge of conservation and sporting policy. I found that when backed into a corner, Andrea will let the issue drop. When I contradicted one of her facts, when I asked her to answer a tough question, when I made a statement that was completely in opposition to what she had said, she seldom refuted it. The bunny huggers plan appears to be to say as much controversial stuff as possible, move on to the next subject and see what sticks. Andrea was not in the mood for serious debate. She talks in sound bites. She'll talk over the top of you. I'm not known for my patience in polite conversation, but I looked like Politenessman compared to her fast talking. She's a tough adversary. Hell, she gets paid to work out on people like me.

The caller response ran three to one on our side. Usually, a show like this takes 10-14 calls per hour. Jane only took four calls during this hour. Three of the calls were pro hunter. The fourth was from Eric, Andrea's husband. It's nice that he supports her career so strongly. The public is not fooled, however I'd have liked to have heard more callers. I suspect that our 3:1 random sampling would have held up throughout the entire spectrum of callers.

For those of you who missed the show, the club has several tapes of it. With all due modesty, I believe it deserves a listen. Where else would you hear a bunny hugger make ridiculous statement like it is better for deer to starve to death than to be hunted? Seriously, I believe that it is important to call the hand of the animal rightists when they try to mount the bully pulpit of public opinion. The public is not stupid. They understand the many fallacies of the new age Nazi agenda. Much like the first Nazi, however, the animal rightists believe that if they tell a big lie, tell it often enough and tell it loudly, people take it for truth. A part of being a conservation oriented sportsman is debunking the myths that these people perpetuate. If we don't, they'll kill our sport and the bulk of the conservation movement with it.

KDFW NEWS

It's still hunting season. Just a reminder that your 94 license is good through 2-28-95 and even then don't dispose of it. We have future plans for it.

N.W.T.F

The National Wild Turkey Federation will hold its Super Fund Banquet & Auction on February 11, 1995. This will be held at the Hurstbourne Lane Holiday Inn near I-64. Doors will open at 6:00 with dinner at 7:30. Tickets are available, so if you are interested call Alex Lea. **WE WILL HAVE A GOOD TIME SO COME ON DOWN!!!**

HOPEFULLY EXIT LAUGHING

A Hunter took his wife Elk hunting. He impressed on her that if she was fortunate enough to get one, not to let it out of her sight as an unethical hunter might come along and steal it. After making sure she was safely in her tree stand the hunter went 200 yards to his own stand, no sooner than he scaled the tree and seated himself, than he heard a shot from his wife's direction and almost immediately a loud argument broke out. He quickly climbed down the tree and rushed to his wife where he was appalled to see his wife pointing her rifle at a man with his hands up. When he asked his wife what in the world was going on she exclaimed "It was just like you said," I shot the Elk and he's trying to steal it. The hunter looked at the man who simply stated, "She can have the damn Elk, just let me get my saddle & bridle off".

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