



HARRODS CREEK FIELD & STREAM CLUB

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AUGUST MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18
NORTH OLDHAM LION'S CLUB 7:30 PM


THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER: This month's speaker is a representative from the Oldham County Wildlife Refuge. This will be a repeat of the popular raptor program we had a couple of years ago. Our speaker will bring out some raptors which the refuge is rehabilitating. Along with the birds, they feature an interesting discussion on raptors and how they are rehabilitated when injured. For those of you who are not sure what raptors are, they are birds of prey. This is an especially good topic. It is excellent for kids. With that in mind, why don't you bring out the bambinos and give them a little exposure to part of nature? Beats watching Bart Simpson!

GUN RAFFLE: We are raffling a Thompson-Center .50 cal Renegade rifle at the September meeting. Chances will be available at this meeting. We will sell 100 chances at \$5.00 each or 6/\$25. If you don't have one of these guns, you need one. Shooting with a front loader is not only a way to increase the length of your deer season, it's just plain fun. Lets buy and sell these chances.

MUZZLE LOADER TEAM PRACTICE: The HCFS muzzle loader team is practicing every other Tuesday night at David O'Neil's place on Johnson Road. This team will represent the club in the Third District tournament. If we have enough people, we'll have two teams. Next Tuesday night is one of the practices. Come on out and let ol' Betsy do her stuff.

POKER RUN: The Harrod's Creek Boat Owner's Association is having it's annual Ohio Rive Poker Run on Saturday, August 21. Registration is 12-3 pm at Captain's Quarters. This is essentially a road rallye for boaters. If you like running the river (and I know most of you do), you might want to give this a try.

NEW MEMBER: We have a new member among our ranks. He is Jimmy Boone. He likes to do all of the stuff we like to do. Let's give him a warm HCFS welcome!



UPCOMING EVENTS: Some of our upcoming events are as follows:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Third District Muzzle Loader Tournament	TBA
Deer Biologist Presentation	September Meeting
WAMZ Bass Tournament Launch	TBA
Nominations for club officers and directors	October Meeting
Elections	November Meeting
Duck and Goose Calling Contest	November Meeting

ELECTIONS: You will note that nominations for officers and directors will be held at the October meeting. Our president, David O'Neil has declined to run for a third term. Jack Foote and Hugh Adamson have declared their intentions to become directors emeritus and to hold no office. Norm Worful has declined to hold office due to a work transfer. Folks, this means that approximately half of the directors and officers will not repeat in their positions. SOME OF YOU FOLKS HAVE NEVER SERVED THE CLUB IN A LEADERSHIP ROLL. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO DO YOUR DUTY TO THE CLUB. I will gladly relinquish my office as secretary to someone who wants to pick up this mantle. - The only thing I hate to do more than whine for money is to whine for people to do their part. You can stop the whining now. Step up and take your position with the club.

"All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing"

Thomas Jefferson

BULLY PULPIT: I'm in trouble this month...nothing is coming to mind for a Bully Pulpit topic. I could moan about how our Resolution to the League of Kentucky Sportsmen got shot down on the flimsiest of technicalities. I could give a long sermon on the care that the Fish and Wildlife Commissioners must give to selecting Don McCormick's replacement. I could warn you all to take great care in selecting the dove fields in which you hunt, because big brother may be watching you and he may not be playing the game as fairly as he would have you play. None of these things interest me right now. I'm hot and I'm tired. We are right in the middle of the dog days of summer. It's hot and it's a lazy time of year. About the only thing that has been troubling my soul now is why they call this the dog days. After a little looking, I found out. The origin of the expression dog days has two likely sources. One is that it's the time of year that it's

too hot for dogs to be out chasing critters around. Dogs seem to want to lay around under the porch and take it easy. Rural people see more of their dogs during this season (because they are laying around the house rather than out doing what dogs were born to do), hence one source of the term dog days.

The other source of the expression dog days comes from astronomy. Late July and August are the best times to view the constellations Canis Major and Canis Minor. The earth's rotation at this time of year affords us our best view of these constellations. As most of you will note the names of these constellations translate to "Big Dog" and "Little Dog". Because these constellations are in best focus right now, these are considered the dog days.

After doing all of this research about dog days, I'm plumb tuckered out. I guess that there just won't be a Bully Pulpit this month on account of my lack of ambition. I guess I'll grab my kids and a bucket of worms and go to the lake and see if we can catch a few bluegills. I sure hope they don't catch too many keepers. It's too hot to clean fish!

See y'all Wednesday night!

