



# HARRODS CREEK FIELD & STREAM CLUB

P.O. Box 22592  
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February Meeting Wednesday the 17th  
7:30 PM  
North Oldham Lion's Club

**THIS MONTH'S SPEAKERS:** This month's speaker is Joe Bland and speakers to be named from the Wild Turkey Federation. Guess what...they are going to talk about turkey hunting. As you probably know, the national Wild Turkey Federation convention is starting in Louisville the next day. We'll have some world class turkey experts to address us. These guys are quite a tribute to the bird that Benjamin Franklin wanted to recognize as the national bird. The eagle may have got the glory, but nothing is neater than a wild turkey. Come on out and hear a word about the bird.

**BASS TOURNAMENT:** The second annual HCFS Bass Tournament will be held at Taylorsville Lake on April 17. We moved the site of this tourney from Kentucky Lake to Taylorsville to make it more available. For those of you who have never been there, Taylorsville is a 3,000 acre lake with lots of flooded timber, one well hidden patch of water lillies, rocky deep banks and lots of fish. It is only 35 minutes from you, so you will have plenty of chances to pre-fish it. The rules and sign up form will be in the next newsletter. As an added bonus, Homeguard Inspections will add a \$25.00 prize for the fisherman who can tell me the location of the Harrod's Creek Field and Stream Club wood duck box that is in one of the trees in the flooded timber. Barry, you've seen this box with me. You can't get the money. In case of ties, no duplicate prizes will be awarded. First one to tell me at the ramp the weigh in gets the dough.

**HCFS LOTTO:** Pete McKay showed us all how to start off the new year. He won the HCFS meeting lotto in January. He pocketed a cool \$20. I'm sure Pete has wisely reinvested this windfall in hunting or fishing stuff. Good goin' Pete. Come on out and try again. Be our first two time winner. All the rest of you people come on out. All you have to do to win is to be present and have your dues paid.

**WHINING FOR DOLLARS:** Dues are due and payable. Don't make me whine any more. Pay up.

**CAMERA FUND:** Most of you know that we made a challenge to all of the clubs to raise some dough to buy Fish and Wildlife a video camera. Please be sure to read the Bully Pulpit to find out how we made out.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Our scheduled club events are as follows:

April 17 Bass Tournament  
May 8 Wildlife Officer's Benefit Hunt (tentative)  
May 21 Cumberland Striper Outing  
June 11 League Convention in Owensboro  
June 18-20 THE CATFISH DERBY  
Sept 10-11 Muzzle Loader Tournament  
Sept. 25 WAMZ Bass Tournament (tentative)

Mark your calendar for fun.

**MY TURN:** Won't some of you nimrods write a MY TURN column? Last year, we had quite a Hall of Fame for these columns. Who can forget Gary Artman's volume on big game hunting? What a masterpiece Jed Edinger weighed in with his musings on why he hunts and fishes! Bruce Goodman gave us a reminder on why we should work toward protecting our second amendment rights. Brad Hobbs gave us a good talking to about the ethics of our sport. Hugh Adamson warned us not to fight among ourselves about muzzle loader and bow hunting. Gary Roman told us how to keep 'Ol Betsy shooting straight. All of these guys stepped up to the plate and wrote about the areas of the sport that interest them. 'Cmon, be a sport among sports. Write a column for March so that you don't just have to read the drivel I write.

**UPCOMING SPEAKERS:** Our schedule for speakers at upcoming meetings is as follows:

MARCH: Wildlife Habitat  
APRIL: Tolling Motors and Marine Electronics  
MAY: Bass Fishing  
JUNE: Cat Fishing  
July: Raptor Rehabilitation

If you have a topic for a speaker, let me know. We will be happy to work it out.

**LEAGUE RAFFLE:** The League of Kentucky Sportsmen is raffling off a 17' Astro Bass Boat with a 90 Mercury and all the trimmings. Chances are \$2.00 See Hugh Adamson for chances. These proceeds are to be used to sink the debt from the Lake Cumberland fight. Buy the chances, win the boat so that you can lend it to me.

**SPEAKING OF LAKE CUMBERLAND:** As I'm sure you know, the pipeline is going to be finished and used. I have not gathered all of the details. Once again, it appears that the sportsman is getting hosed. I will research this issue and will have an in depth expose in my Bully Pulpit in March. I want to have all of the facts before I get on my soap box.

**FINALLY:** Remember, V Day. A separate V Day flyer is enclosed. Send 'em in and get all of your pals to send 'em in.

**BULLY PULPIT:** Many of you financial wizards are well aware of the principal of leverage. No, I'm not talking about the deal with a bar and a fulcrum that will move big rocks. I'm talking about when someone uses a limited

amount of a scarce resource to move a big amount of the resource. With apologies to Brad Hobbs, our resident economist, I'm going to explain this economic phenomenon with an example.

At the October meeting of the Third District Wildlife Federation, your club, acting on the approval of the directors, made a challenge to all of the other clubs in the third district. We offered to put up a hundred bucks toward a much coveted video camera for the third district Wildlife Officers. Joe Bland and the boys have had a hankering for a video camera to use in law enforcement. Brer Governor and the boys at state government would not cough up enough dough to buy these guys a lousy camera like many of you have at home. I guess whenever the subject of ethics or hidden cameras come up, much of state government runs scared. Us 'Creekers decided to get with it and round up the dough for this important tool. Many others answered the challenge. They made donations to the cause. This is leverage. Using a small amount of a resource (money) to control the use of a lot of the resource (the donations). The original leverage was good. It got a whole lot sweeter when the appeal was made to Trout Unlimited for a donation. One of their members (who wants to be anonymous) decided that he had some extra cash laying around and he thought that Joe and the boys filming bad guys sounded like a good idea. He promptly stroked out a check for SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS for the cause. His generous donations, along with the generous donations of many clubs and individuals has enabled all of us sportsmen to outfit the Third District officers with four state of the art video cameras, extra batteries and all of the goodies. They will also be getting mini tape recorders for each officer. Now they can get the bad guys on tape and video. Joe tells us that this will be a critical enforcement tool. I believe it. A picture is worth a thousand words. Ask some of the legislators that got indicted during the BOPTR0T investigation.

Back to the lesson. We used a relatively small amount of our carefully husbanded resources to get a good thing done. We had no idea that we would get such a big response, but we knew that a small investment, well placed can yield big profits. This, my friends, is pretty close to what leverage is. It might not be so good in the hands of Michael Milkin or Ivan Boeskey, but in the hands of the 'Creekers, it was quite a tool.

No good story would be complete without a moral. The moral here is that no good deed is too small to do, because you never know how much good your deed will do. We came up with a modest proposal and some chump change. It turned into a windfall. It's like that with every good thing we do. If you pick up a little more garbage than you carry into the woods, take a few moments to help a kid with his hunting or fishing pursuits, if you answer a letter in the editorial section of the paper, if you call the turn in a poacher hotline with a tip, if you release a nice fish, all of these things come back in good stead. It's giving back just a bit more than you take. If we all give back just a bit more than we take, we will have surpluses of fish, wildlife, knowledge, reverence for our sports and fun for our children and their children. We'll leverage our personal good deeds into a better world. These efforts might not be as spectacularly rewarded as our camera challenge, but they'll be a lot more important in the long run. "The longest journey begins with the first step"

Confucius

See you on Wednesday

# NOBODY'S CONSTITUENTS.



35 Ding was at his bitterest (and often his best) when angry. And it is obvious he was angry when he produced this cartoon. He felt so strongly about Washington bureaucrats that at the mid-1930's he spent two years at Washington, and his influence left its mark.