

HARRODS CREEK FIELD & STREAM CLUB

P.O. Box 22592
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MAY MEETING MAY 20 @7:30
NORTH OLDHAM LION'S CLUB

MANY THANKS: A tip of the hat goes out to the members who represented the club as bird throwers at the Wildlife Officer's Benefit Hunt.

These fine men are:

Jack Foote	Brad Breeland
Kevin Foote	Brett Breeland
Lee Stokes	Terry Sullivan
Bill More	David O'Neil
Hugh Adamson	Ernie McKinney
Norm Worful	Stuart Scott
Tommy Worful	Bruce Goodman

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This hunt was the best I've seen yet. The action was good. The dogs looked excellent. We had a small flock of Canadians land on our pond and watch the action. A lone green head joined them. A hen mallard and 11 ducklings kicked out of the reeds at the bank and provided entertainment. Large snapping turtles swam around the entire trial. I was tickled to death to just watch the critters, much less watch beautiful dogs do their stuff.

THIS MEETING: The meeting program this month is timely. Brad Breeland and the Oldham County Police Water Enforcement Officer will speak on boat safety. Brad Hobbs will show us how to prepare a survival kit. Both of these topics are important this time of year. Face it, I like most of you guys. Please come out and learn or relearn how to take care of yourself.

MORE ABOUT THIS MEETING: Please remember that the Water Enforcement Officer who will speak to us is a sworn policeman. We certainly do not want to convey the wrong image to Oldham County's Finest about what goes on at our meetings. Please refrain from bringing or consuming adult beverages at this meeting. We're not a bunch of boozers. We do not want to give that image to the people who protect and serve us in Oldham County.

FINALLY ABOUT THIS MEETING: The raffle prize at this meeting is a nifty life vest. Chances are a buck. Protect yourself from drowning. Buy a chance. The lotto jackpot is \$60. Last month's winner, Jack Foote, donated his winnings back into the jackpot. Good man, Jack!



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

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The striper crew has had mixed success recently. They hope to parlay this into great success when they converge on Cumberland this weekend. In fact, as you read this letter, we will be chasing those striped torpedoes.

Finally, under fishing report, I must brag a bit. I went to Florida in April. I spent a half day fishing in the pass between North Captiva Island and Cayo Costo. During this short trip, I caught two grouper that bested 15 pounds, a 36" cobia, missed a bite and was broken off by a tarpon of unknown size. This kind of success/luck is seldom seen. If you are ever in this area, you should go fishing with Captain Duke Sells. He made all of this possible for me. If he lived in Louisville, he would be a 'creeker for sure. He's our kind of guy. I am going to put him on our mailing list. Duke, you are always welcome here.

GROUNDHOG BAGS TURKEY: No, this is not a story from the National Enquirer. Our very own Gary "Groundhog" Artman killed a turkey on his property. Gary reports that hunting was tough, but the rewards of taking a bird on the property that he has brought along for game habitat are like nothing else. One more reason to start a food plot, sink a fish attractor and generally help our wildlife along. Good going, Gary!

MY TURN: This month's MY TURN column is by Jed Edinger. Ever thoughtful and usually witty, Jed submits the following:

My Turn, aptly named. Who among us has been tapped for this duty? Terry must have gotten his jollies by inviting the one boastful, vain and cocksure protagonist stupid enough to take the bait. Sure in the knowledge that Mr. Sullivan's word processor would correct my spelling mistakes and fortified by some of St. Louis' finest, I rose to the fly and returned to my lair gut hooked. Not since my college days have I had the latitude to select my topic as well as argue for the necessarily just cause. What a cush job. Hmm....uh like I said, gut hooked.

Two hours have elapsed between sentences. The ice cubes in my Forester are much rounder now. Perhaps the muse is upon me. Choose the question! Where do we come from? Is their life after death. Does the time line representing infinity run both ways or in a circle. Is an episode of deja vu merely a trick of the mind or is it a glimpse of a separate reality? Will Rick Pitino renew his contract in '94? These are all easy! Let us turn to one of my all time favorites. Why do we hunt and fish?

At least twice a year, sometimes more often, under some mental or physical duress I ask myself this question. Some years ago, on the Ohio river I was forced to spend the night on an island near Rising Sun when the river froze. This event followed the finest day of waterfowling I have ever seen. Some of my older buddies remember that day and that night. It was not only the finest day of hunting, it was the luckiest. I will carry the memory of that day forever. Why do I do this stuff. We all ask ourselves this. When you fish all day

developers, game hogs, poachers and politicians. I can only imagine that he would have reserved a special spot in his comic hell for animal rightists had they existed in his time. He used this talent to motivate the public. Many of the topics he examined in his works are very relevant today. His drawings are timely and timeless.

In 1940, Darling was given charge of the National Biological Survey. This is now known as National Fish and Wildlife Service. During his tenure in Washington, he conceived the idea of the duck stamp. It was Darling's efforts that brought about the passage of the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act. Since the inception of the duck stamp program, over one hundred million duck stamps have been sold. In addition to the duck stamp, Darling was the father of the National Wildlife Federation. The Federation is still going strong today. In fact, our League of Kentucky Sportsmen is affiliated with the Federation.

Darling wintered in Captiva Island, Fla. He was so impressed with the subtropical habitat and the tidal swamp, he spearheaded the formation of a 5000 acre wildlife refuge on this tight little island. To this day, the refuge is one of the premier bird watching locations in the US. It was designed by Darling to be user friendly long before the term came into vogue. Upon his death in 1962, the refuge was named the J. N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge. If you are ever near it, you must stop by for a visit. It is something.

I hope that you have enjoyed my little discussion of this great man. Ding was an avid hunter, fisherman and naturalist. He recognized the need to protect our endangered traditions years ago. Along with the likes of Theodore Roosevelt, George Bird Grinnell and Gifford Pinchot, he ranks as one of the titans of 20th century conservationism. I really wonder who is going to fill their shoes. I will be including one of his cartoons in each newsletter until my supply of cartoons runs out or the copyright police nab me. If field and stream clubs had patron saints, I would certainly put Ding up for nomination as ours.

IT IS HARD TO START A FIRE WITH ONE STICK OF WOOD



BUT IF YOU COULD EVER GET THE FIRE WOOD TOGETHER IN ONE PILE -



29 Ding spent a good deal of effort trying to bring together the many conservation organizations into one large unit, and he did gather many of them into the National Wild Life Federation in the 1930s.