



# HARRODS CREEK FIELD & STREAM CLUB

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NOVEMBER MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17  
7:30 NORTH OLDHAM LION'S CLUB

**ELECTIONS:** This month we will hold our annual elections. A ballot is enclosed. Ballots sent by mail must be received at the club post office box by Nov. 17. This means that if you live in the Metro area, you must mail it by Tuesday. Votes will also be collected at the meeting. This election is different than many of our past elections, in that the president position is contested. Two of our own are vying for this spot, Gary Artman and Ray Frye. They both have submitted messages to the club that are published in this newsletter. I urge you to read these messages. Your club is at a fork in the road. Please consider very carefully the direction you wish the club to take.

**THIS MEETING:** This meeting will feature a short discussion by Bill Morrow about the upcoming duck season. Things have changed in the waterfowl department. Season rules have changed. Mom Nature has changed the flyway by flooding the Mississippi badly. Bill is up to date on all of these issues, as well as the condition of ducks on the river. If you like shooting at waterfowl (and I know you do), you'd better come on out and get Bill's report.

**DEER SEASON:** All of you Bambi Blasters know that gun season is this week. The club has a big buck award. If you get the king hell rack of the universe, save it or a good picture of it. You may take this coveted award. In any event, get out and enjoy the beautiful fall woods and the abundance of critters getting ready for the winter. While you're out there, be really careful. Most of us do not pick up our rifles from one season to another. We're not as familiar with them as we are with our shotguns or fishing rods. I know how many of you folks are going out. I want to see the same number coming back.

**DUCK CALLING CONTEST:** Calling all Callers! The annual duck and goose calling contest will be at this meeting. Carl Lausman has agreed to judge this event again. Practice your highballs, hails, chuckles and feed calls. Kevin Foote and Ray Frye have dominated this event. It's time to knock them off of the mountain. Dust off the Olt, the Scobey or the Knight and Hale and come out honkin!



DU BANQUET: The 48th annual DU Banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn Hurstbourne. Our new Fish and Wildlife Commissioner, Tom Bennett will be in attendance. Dave Shuffit of Kentucky Afield will be the speaker. Dave is at the helm of the third oldest TV show in the U.S. His talk will be interesting. Our own Moondawg will be the MC. Tickets are available at the meeting. Support the duck folks. Come on out.

BULLY PULPIT: This month I am going to forego the Bully Pulpit in order to bring you messages from both of our candidates for President of the Harrod's Creek Field and Stream Club. Both are good and true members. Both can do an excellent job. You must decide between the two. I am printing their messages precisely as they sent them to me. They are placed in alphabetical order, so be aware that the order of placement in no way indicates the preference of this humble scribe. Now that we've got it all fair, here goes:

The hardest part of writing for me is getting started. When Terry asked me for a position paper on my candidacy for president of the Harrod's Creek Field and Stream Club, little did I know that two hours later I'd be looking at a blank page. Well, anyway, here goes:

In Kentucky politics, the first thing you do is to use half truths, fabrications or outright lies to malign your opponent. In this case, my opponent is one of my best friends, Ray Frye. Ray and I have shared freezing duck blinds, water logged deer hunts and 90 degree dove hunting. On all of these occasions, I have never found anything that I did not like about Ray. He has been a good friend, and if he were elected he would make an excellent president. Therefore you might ask why I am running against him. I'm not. I'm running FOR the presidency of the Harrods Creek Field and Stream Club.

I am campaigning for a position of change. I want to increase the membership to the levels when I first joined (over 90). I want a more active membership on new club activities and fund raising activities. I will institute a program of teaching outdoor skills to inner city children so that they will understand our love of the outdoors, our interest in preserving the constitution and hopefully a lessening of the preconceived prejudices they are subjected to by their environment. Is anything wrong with HCFS now? No. It is comprised of some of the best sports people in the state. Can it be better? I believe so. Can I raise membership, the treasury and institute new activities? Yes, but only if you elect me president.

As president of the Artman Company and vice president of H&A properties, I believe that I have the background and desire to lead the club through an exciting new year. Thanks, and I hope that everyone has a safe and successful deer season. Good luck, Ray!

Gary K. Artman

I've never considered myself a politically oriented person. Each political argument I've found myself in I've lost miserably. For example, I used to think republicans were liberal and democrats were conservative until Rush Limbaugh straightened me out. Now I've found myself in a political battle with one of my best friends, Gary Artman. Actually, it's kind of exciting since it is my understanding that every presidential candidate since Hugh Adamson's first term has been uncontested.

At first, when I heard that Gary wanted the job and my hat was already in the ring, I was congenial about it and seriously considered a lesser position or an easier way out. After several days of considering my options, I decided to stand up to the challenge.

As with any political platform, an agenda of issues must be established which the candidate feels important must be addressed. I have listed below, in no certain order, the issues which deserve attention by our club:

Speakers/ Member Education	Community Service
Legislative Action	Membership
Hunter Perception	Club Vision
Club Activities	

Over the past several years, our club officials and board members have done an excellent job in soliciting and obtaining commitments from various informed people to present a topic during our regular monthly meeting. It is important to me to continue this tradition in order to provide increased education to our membership.

Legislative action can have a devastating effect on our sport. With the ongoing issues of gun control, lead sinker abatement and boat usage taxes, I believe that it is important to talk about the ways to combat these propositions. I realize that in the big picture we are but a small voice, but a small voice among many gets attention. While I don't want to dwell on legislative action for the length of each meeting, I believe that we should be ready at a moment's notice to fire off letters to our congressmen both state and local. We will continue V day and will hopefully come up with other avenues to resist the detrimental changes to our sport and heritage.

Hunter perception is a new issue that I fabricated for this campaign. Recently, I completed a hunter education course. I learned a lot of things, but one stood out. Approximately 8% of the population hunts. About 10% of the population oppose all forms of hunting. The remaining eighty odd percent is neutral or has no opinion. We're outnumbered. It was made painfully clear that the perception of sportsmen is gun wielding, pick up driving, redneck alcoholics. We do not want to sway the 80% of the people with a neutral opinion toward the opposition. I think that this is a topic we should talk about and work on as a club.

Club activities are also important. The fellowship involved and the potential for learning something is important to our sporting careers. I will propose different club activities and support the traditional

activities that have historically been popular.

Community service has recently come to light in the HCFS club. We were instrumental in identifying a need for our third district conservation officers and as a result, we were able to raise the funds to purchase video cameras for their use in game law enforcements. Norm Worful and Hugh Adamson have been active in the third district and the KWFF. I'm sure others have been also (ie river sweep). I will encourage our membership to participate in these outside activities and report about these activities to our membership. I will continue to support donations of our funds to appropriate organizations. I will also propose participation and solicit volunteers for other community activities.

In three years since I have been a member, membership has been a hotly debated topic. In my opinion, I believe that we should develop a plan to increase our membership. The plan should establish obtainable goals for membership growth. I will establish a three person committee to develop the plan. I will then participate in the plan in order to succeed.

Finally, HCFS is the oldest conservation club in the state. A club which is steeped in tradition. The club has changed over its long history and I believe that it represents a group of sportsmen and women who care about their sport, willing to consider new ideas and are willing to learn from those ideas. I believe that it is important for our membership to make a commitment to the club and be willing to participate in the various activities. I believe that it is important to set our sights toward the future of our club. As a club where do we want to be in the year 2000? As a club, what do we want to look like? Therefore I believe that it is important to develop a vision for our future. A vision that includes things that we believe so that these beliefs will strengthen our club and can be passed on to future generations.

Please don't compare me to Bill C. because I do every morning shortly after my first cup of coffee. All I want is to do is to keep the ball rolling, make the ball large and hopefully keep it rolling in the right direction without getting run over.

Vote for me. See you Wednesday.

Ray Frye

Well, there it is, folks. Be sure and vote.