

Herald Sports

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Resources Commission Takes Giant Step

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has taken a giant step forward in solving one of the Piedmont sportsman's problems — the increasing shortage of land open for public hunting.

The commission has approved a proposal from its staff to lease private lands and manage them for public small game hunting. This should be good news in the Piedmont area where the number of hunters is constantly growing and the amount of land available for public hunting is shrinking each year.

The plan looks like this: The Commission will locate suitable tracts of 500 acres or more (this may involve one or more landholdings in a continuous tract) and lease the hunting rights. The selection of these new small game hunting areas will be subject to certain provisions. Any tract selected will be bordered by a public road for ease of access and will be capable of producing quail and rabbit hunting.

Idle or unoccupied farm land, or land in conservation reserve of some type of cropland retirement program will be preferred. Woodlands that will provide squirrel hunting may be included. Lands that are used for livestock production are not desirable. Cattle and hunting are somewhat incompatible.

Preliminary recommendations are for a minimum three-year lease with a year-to-year extension clause. This will allow time for small game habitat development that would not be possible with a one-year lease. The boundaries of offered areas must be identifiable and will be marked with signs by Commission personnel. Any "no hunting" or safety zone areas inside the boundaries of the tract will also be appropriately marked.

Hunting for small game will be permitted by licensed hunters who purchase a small game permit, costing \$3. This permit will be honored statewide for the entire season and will allow the holder to hunt for small game species on any of the Commission's management areas or game lands. To help finance expansion of small game public hunting areas, the season small game permit will be required for hunting on the Commission's dove shooting areas, waterfowl management areas, such as Pamlico Point, and the Caswell management area near Yanceyville. Previously these areas have been operated on a free access basis.

Establishments of these areas would substantially increase the number of public hunting areas operated by the Wildlife Resources Commission. Of particular interest to hunters will be the provision that they will not have to go through a checking station to hunt on these new lands. Any licensed hunter having the season small game permit can use these areas on the days they are open.

This same small game season permit will provide entry for small game hunting on areas where hunters must pass through a checking station to secure permission to hunt — such as the Sandhills area hunts for quail or the Standing Indian area hunts for squirrel or grouse.

Hunting for small game species in season will be permitted on these new small game management areas on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday for licensed hunters having the special small game permit. Hunting on the designated dove shooting areas will continue to be on Wednesdays and Saturdays, the same as last year. No guarantee of special protection by wildlife protectors can be made, but public hunting areas are more likely to receive protectors' attention than locations that have fewer hunters.

The program is largely dependent upon the special seasonal small game permit for financial support. The permit proposal will be presented to the sportsmen of the state in the course of the Commission's forthcoming regular schedule of public hearings. Commission officials point out that the only people required to buy the \$3 season permits will be the ones who benefit from the hunting areas.

The new program has tremendous potential for opening up new hunting areas in the industrial heartland of the state. This is the first major effort of its kind to alleviate the scarcity of hunting lands over an entire geographical area. The Wildlife Commission solicits the aid and cooperation of sportsmen, landowners and farmers in making this program a reality.

Turner Says Speed Will Exceed 148 MPH

Curtis Turner, the 41-year-old Charlotte professional race driver, predicts the average four lap speed needed to sit on the pole for the Atlanta 500 NASCAR Grand National event on Sunday, March 27 at the Atlanta International Raceway will exceed 148 mph.

Turner, a 20 year veteran of the racing wars, has entered the seventh annual classic with Glen Wood's 1966 Ford. It was Wood's car with Marvin Panch at the wheel that took first place last year.

"Don't see how the record (146 plus) has a chance to survive," the lanky Turner said. "I'll even go one step further and predict ten or more guys will top the record Wednesday.

"I know Glen and the others in the crew expect me to sit on the pole and I'm sure going to try not to disappoint them," Turner related.

Since his return to NASCAR last fall, after a four year absence, Turner has posted two major victories — the American 500 last year at Rockingham and the modified championship event last month at Daytona.

The first eight starting positions will be up for grabs on Wednesday with eight additional spots going on Thursday and Friday. The final 20 starters will be decided on Saturday in a special qualifying race.

In addition to the lion's share of the \$77,000 purse, the winning driver will receive 2,500 points toward the national title.

Ford will be trying to even the score with Chrysler Corporation in the super-Speedway win department.

Dan Gurney copped the first major race at Riverside, Calif., and since then Ford has remained winless with Richard Petty's Plymouth crossing the finish line first at Daytona and Paul Goldsmith's Ray Nichols Plymouth hauled down the laurels at Rockingham.

Chrysler machines have never won at Atlanta Raceway.

Mountaineers 'Errors' Lose Opener To York

Belk's Wins City Cage Tournament

Cook Scores 17 To Lead Belk's To Overtime Win

Belk's outscored Lithium 14-6 in a five-minute overtime period Thursday night to win the 1966 Recreation League Tournament Championship, 74-68.

The two teams battled to a 60-60 deadlock after four periods of play and it looked as though two overtime periods would be needed instead of one. But the regular-season champs struck for six quick points with 10 seconds left in the overtime period to break a 68-all tie and win the game.

The big man in the Belk's attack was forward Louis Cook, a former Kings Mountain high school three-sport man, who tallied 17 points with eight field goals and one free throw. Cook also played an impressive game off the defensive boards.

Richard Little tossed in 14 points for the winners and guard Ed Tessener and center Bob Goodson added 11 apiece. James Robbs led the Lithium scorers with a night high 26 points. He was followed by Jerry Ross and Don Fisher with 14 and 10 respectively.

Belk's jumped on the Lithium crew from the word go, leading by a 17-9 count at the end of the first quarter. But Lithium, with the help of seven points by Robbs, clicked in the second quarter and outscored the eventual winners, 14-9, to trail by only three, 26-23, at the half.

Lithium outscored Belk's 21-19 in the third stanza to bring the score to 45-44. Belk's, at the end of three periods, Lithium trailed by two, 60-58, with 10 seconds left in regulation play but Fisher hit a jumper to force the game into overtime.

The overtime scoring was nip and tuck until the final 10 seconds when Cook hit a lay-up to put Belk's ahead, 70-68.

Lithium immediately called time-out, but missed the tying basket. Belk's rebounded, and Little scored to put Belk's ahead by four, 72-68. Belk's player-coach J. D. Biddix intercepted the throw-in and hit a 60-footer as the buzzer sounded ending the game and the 1966 City League season.

BOX SCORE		(74)
Belk's	F-Cook	17
	F-Goodson	8
	C-B. Goodson	11
	C-Tessener	11
	G-Little	14
	Subs Scoring: Allen 4, Biddix 9	
Lithium	F-Fisher	10
	F-Ross	14
	C-Newton	7
	C-Jones	6
	C-Robbs	26
	Subs Scoring: Franklin 5	

Jerry Ross Leads Tourney Scoring

Jerry Ross, Lithium forward, was the Recreation League Tournament's high scorer with 14 points in five games for a 22.8 average.

Roger Heavner of the Mountaineers and Perry Champion of Lithium had the best averages for the tournament play, Heavner with 27.0 and Champion with 23.3.

Champion was second in scoring with 70 points in three contests. Bob Haden of the Jaycees was third on the point list with 61 and James Robbs of Lithium was fourth with 58 points in three games. Heavner rounds out the top five in scoring with 54 points in two contests.

The top 10 tournament scorers are listed below:

Player	Team	G	Pts.	Avg.
Ross, Lith.		5	114	22.8
Champion, Lith.		3	70	23.3
Haden, JC's		4	61	15.3
Robbs, Lith.		3	58	19.3
Heavner, Mount.		2	54	27.0
Cloninger, JC's		3	51	17.0
Franklin, Lith.		5	51	10.2
Carson, JC's		3	49	16.3
Ware, JC's		4	46	11.5
Little, Belk's		2	40	20.0

Tennis Team Begins Play Here Monday

The Kings Mountain high school tennis team begins season play here Monday against Mt. Holly. The netmen will play Mt. Holly again Friday before opening their conference slate against R-S Central on April 7.

Coach Ralph Schuessler has named Sandy Mauney, Clark Mauney, Richard Etheridge, Doug Mercer, Neal Cooper and Doug Wilson as his starting six. Sandy Mauney is the only letterman returning from last year's team.

Mounties Victim Of Two-Hitter; Seven Big Errors

Poor fielding and poor hitting proved fatal to the Kings Mountain high school baseball Mountaineers in their season's opener against York here Tuesday.

The Mountaineers made seven errors and collected only two hits off York righthander David Norris as the visitors won, 2-0.

Kings Mountain's two hits were singles, one by leftfielder Tony Leigh in the opening frame and the other by centerfielder Charles Carroll in the fourth.

Senior Steve Goforth started on the hill for the locals and was tagged with the loss. Goforth worked for three innings, gave up one run, one hit and struck out two.

Sophomore Darrell Whetstone worked the final four frames, allowing one run, four hits. Whetstone struck out three batters and walked only one.

York struck first in the third inning. With two outs, Goforth issued a walk to Kenny Brazzell, who went to third on a single by lead-off man Robert Lawton.

York then loaded the bases when third baseman Melvin Mullis drew a base on balls. Mickey Adkins, former and future KM Legion hurler, hit a ground ball down the third base line but KM hot corner man Chucky Gladden booted the ball allowing the runner to score from third.

Norris then hit a fly ball to centerfield to end the inning.

York's other tally came in the sixth. Whetstone issued a walk to first baseman Kenny Green who went to second on a single by Pat Roy. Catcher Ricky Ramsey attempted to sacrifice the runners with a bunt but Whetstone fielded the ball and got the runner at third.

Shortstop Robert Bolin singled to centerfield and Roy attempted to come all the way in from second base. KM Shortstop Larry Morgan relayed the throw-in from the outfield to catcher Paul Gaffney but Gaffney let the ball slip out of his mitt when the runner slid in home.

Kings Mountain threatened in four of the seven innings. KM got a man on third base in each of the first three innings.

The Mountaineers turned in two double plays and swiped three bases during the contest.

BOXSCORE		AB	R	H
York	Lawton, 2b	3	0	1
	Mullis, 3b	3	0	0
	Adkins, cf	4	0	2
	Norris, p	4	0	0
	Green, 1b	3	0	0
	Roy, lf	3	1	2
	Ramsey, c	2	0	0
	Bolin, ss	3	0	1
	Brazzell, rf	1	1	0
		26	2	6
Kings Mountain	Connor, 2b	2	0	0
	Putnam, ss	1	0	0
	Morgan, ss	1	0	0
	Leigh, lf	3	0	1
	Carroll, cf	3	0	1
	Gaffney, c	3	0	0
	Bridges, rf	0	0	0
	Whetstone, p	1	0	0
	a-Mullinax	1	0	0
	Gladden, 3b	2	0	0
	Smith, 1b	1	0	0
	Mitcher, 1b	1	0	0
	c-D. Connor	1	0	0
	S. Goforth, p, rf	1	0	0
		22	0	2

a—grounded out for Whetstone in 7th.

b—grounded out for Gladden in 7th.

c—struck out by Mitchem in 7th. D—Gladden 3, Morgan 2, Putnam 1, Gaffney 1, Norris 1, SB—Leigh, Goforth, Bridges, Brazzell. SAC—Brazzell. HP—Putnam (by Norris). DP—Goforth, Laughter and Gladden, Whetstone and Connor.

Pitching IP H R ER BB SO Norris (w) 7 2 0 0 3 6 Whetstone 4 4 1 0 1 3 Goforth (l) 3 2 1 0 4 2

Mitchell Self, while Eddie Barnhill, Steve Barkley and Tommy Abernathy are the top prospects at Belmont.

Lincolnton, which split a two-game practice series with York, has two returning all-conference player back plus many lettermen. The Lions' top prospect is pitcher Harry Graham, who was a standout on the Cherryville Legion team last year.

The Wolves posted a 4-1 victory over York last Tuesday but York, behind the pitching of KM Legion star Mickey Adkins, came back Friday to win by a score of 11-6.

Cherryville, Belmont and Shelby are also fielding good teams and should round out the top four. Among returning lettermen at Shelby are Mike McDaniel, Max Jones, Phil Peeler and

Tommy Goforth, Mickey Adkins To Hurl Friday

Kings Mountain high school's diamondmen play two away games before playing host to Lincolnton in their first conference home game Friday, April 1.

The Mountaineers play at York, S. C., Friday, then travel to Chase for their first conference game of the new season. Both games are scheduled to get underway at 4 p.m.

Coach Bill Bates expects to start junior Tommy Goforth in Friday's game but stated that he'll only use Tommy long enough to get him loosened up. Tommy missed over a week's practice due to illness and may not go over two or three innings.

Bates expects to do something about the error problem of his shortstops and third-basemen, stating that a couple of freshmen may receive starting calls Friday.

Mike Smith and Wayne Mullinax may start Friday. Smith at second and Mullinax at either short or third. Junior Nelson Connor will be at either second or shortstop, depending on how the other shortstop candidates look during practice Thursday.

York righthander Mickey Adkins, who has played for the KM Post 155 American Legion team for the past two seasons, is scheduled to throw against the Mounties on Friday. Adkins has a 1-1 record so far this year, his win coming against Lincolnton last Friday.

Adkins played centerfield in Tuesday's game and collected two hits in four trips to the plate.

Steve Goforth or Darrell Whetstone will start for the Mountaineers in Tuesday's game at Chase. Both boys were impressive in Tuesday's game but received very little backing.

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Year	Team
1955	Shelby
1956	R-S Central
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1958	Shelby
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1960	Cherryville
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1962	Cherryville
1963	Kings Mountain
1964	Shelby
1965	Shelby

Golfers Dump Cherryville; "Skunk" Lincolnton Monday

Tracksters Finish Fourth At Shelby

Kings Mountain high school tracksters placed fourth in a six-team meet at Blanton Memorial Stadium in Shelby Thursday afternoon.

R-S Central won the event with Shelby placing second and Cherryville third. Central tallied 50 points, Shelby recorded 43 1/2, Cherryville, 33 1/2, and Kings Mountain, 14 1/2.

East Rutherford and Chase brought up the rear with 13 1/2 and 9 1/2 points respectively.

The Mountaineers' 880-rely team placed first and Robert Phifer tied for first place in the polevaul. The KMHS relay team was made up of Mike Goforth, Dennis Smith, Bobby Stroupe and Rocky Brown.

The mile relay team — Dennis Smith, Richard Clinton, Robert Phifer and Ross Springer — finished third. Goforth tied for third in the 220-yard dash and Goforth and Stroupe tied for fourth in the 100-yard dash.

Kings Mountain goes to Cherryville today (Thursday) to participate in a conference meet. With the exception of R-S Central, Southwestern Conference teams meet again at Shelby next Thursday.

The Clyde Culbertson team defeated Morrison Loan Co. four games to none Monday night to move into sole possession of first place in the men's bowling league standings.

Plonk Oil Co. moved from a tie for fifth place into third place by defeating City Paint Store, 4-0, and Griffin Drug moved into a tie for fourth by splitting a two-game series with Dilling Heating.

Harold Barber and Boyce Wells led the Culbertson attack with identical 366 sets. Barber gained single game honors with a 152 line. Tommy Gamble had a 131 line and Albert Brackett added a 354 set for the losers.

Clarence Plonk rolled a 142 line and a 384 set to lead Plonk Oil to a 4-0 win over City Paint Store. Ranny Blanton was high for the losers with a 152 line and a 357 set.

John Dilling gained night scoring honors with a 163 line and a 386 set which led Dilling Heating to a 2-2 split with Griffin Drug Co. Richard Culbertson chipped in a 345 set and Furman Wilson was high for Griffin Drug with a 139 line and a 361 set.

Team	W	L	Pct.
Clyde Culbertson	36	21	.600
Dilling Heating	34	26	.567
Plonk Oil Co.	29	31	.483
City Paint Store	28	32	.467
Griffin Drug Co.	28	32	.467
Morrison Loan Co.	25	35	.417

Outcasts, KM Drug Move Up Tuesday

The Outcasts and Kings Mountain Drug advanced in ladies' bowling league action Tuesday night. The Outcasts moved into fifth place by gaining a 2-2 split with Oates-Henderson Shell and KM Drug took over second place by whipping Plonk Brothers, 4-0.

In the other match Tuesday, first place Elsie's Beauty Shop won four games off heretofore second place Plonk Brothers.

Lib Gault was the leading scorer of the night with a 136 line and a 359 set which led Elsie's to its four game win over Plonk Brothers. Charly Goforth chipped in a 313 set for the loop leaders and Betty Fite was high for the losers with a 116 line and a 317 set.

Ethel Tignor rolled a 118 line and a 310 set to lead the Outcasts in scoring and Jenny Oates was high for O.H. Shell with a 121 line and a 338 set. The Outcasts won the first and third games of the series and O.H. Shell won the second match and total pins.

Leading the KM Drug win was team captain Pat Panther who connected on a 113 line and a 303 set to gain scoring honors in the low-scoring contest. Pat Henderson scored 104 line and Evelyn Early's 289 set were high marks for the losers.

Team	W	L	Pct.
Elsie's Beauty Shop	30	14	.682
Kings Mtn. Drug	26	18	.591
Plonk Brothers	25	19	.568
Oates-Henderson	20	24	.455
Outcasts	16	28	.364
McGinnis Furniture	15	29	.341

Students, Teachers Split Doubleheader

Kings Mountain high school Principal Harry Jaynes scored 16 points to lead the men faculty members to a 59-43 win over the students Monday night.

The student-faculty game was sponsored by the Student Participation Organization.

The men teachers played the intramural champions, Mr. Burgess' 11th grade homeroom. High scorer for the students was Danny McDowell, who tallied 19 points.

The SPO girls defeated the lady teachers 29-21 in the opening game with Sharon Gold leading the way with 19 points. Coach Glenda O'Shields, topped the teachers with 10 points.

Among teachers participating in the games were: Mrs. O'Shields, Mrs. J. Logan, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Bates; Harry Jaynes, Bill Cashion, Bill Bates, Don Parker, Bob Husey, Fred Withers and Blaine Frobeneger.

Other students participating were Linda Plonk, Susan Lowery, Paulette Patterson, Henry Manning, Sandy Mauney and Ray Morgan.

Van Dyke Fires 38, 38 To Lead Opening Wins

Kings Mountain high school's golf team jumped off to a good start by winning their first two matches of the season against Cherryville and Lincolnton.

Coach Don Parker's linksmen downed Cherryville, 9 1/2 to 2 1/2 in the season's opener here Thursday and came back Monday to "skunk" Lincolnton, 9-0.

Senior letterman John Van Dyke, KM's number 3 man, won medalist honors in both contests with a 38 against Cherryville and a 39 against Lincolnton.

In the match with Cherryville Thursday, Kings Mountain won three of the four team events and won four of eight singles matches. The Mounties halved two singles matches and lost two.

KM's number one man, Jay Powell, fired a 39 opening day and carded a 40 against Lincolnton to gain runner-up honors to Van Dyke in the two matches.

Fete Link, Van Dyke's opponent, was Cherryville's low scorer with a 43 and Bo King and John Mauney tied for low scoring honors for Lincolnton with 43's.

In Monday's game, Powell, Fred Wright and Pat Cheshire all carded 40's and William McSwain, the only Negro on the KMHS golf team, came in with a 43.

THURS. RESULTS

SINGLES Powell (K) won 33-2; Wright (K) halved; Van Dyke (K) def. Link (C), 32; Cheshire (K) def. Blackwelder (C), 43; Yarbrough (K) def. Ferguson (C), 43; McSwain (K) and Quinn (C), halved; Finger (K) lost 2-down; Joy (K) lost 1-down.

DOUBLES Powell-Wright (K) won 2-1; Van Dyke-Cheshire (K) def. Link-Blackwelder (C), 32; Yarbrough-McSwain (K) def. Ferguson-Quinn (C) 2-up; Finger-Joy (K) lost 1-down.

MONDAY RESULTS Powell (K) def. King (L) 4-3; Wright (K) def. Mauney (L) 3-2; McSwain (K) won 5-3; Mauney (K) won 3-1.

DOUBLES Powell-Wright (K) def. King-Mauney (L) 4-2; Van Dyke-Cheshire (K) def. Goodson-Lineberger (L) 4-3; McSwain-Mauney (K) won 5-4.

Culbertson, Plonk Win Thursday Night

The Clyde Culbertson and Clarence Plonk teams claimed victories in mixed bowling league action Tuesday night. Culbertson winning three games off the Alley Cats and Plonk taking three from Alexander's Used Cars.

Jerry Dover was high scorer for the Culbertson team with a 348 set. Clyde Culbertson had a high line of 132. Betty Fite scored on a 137 line and a 354 set for the losers.

Clarence Plonk rolled a 122 line and Lib Gault added a 344 set to lead the scoring for the Plonk team. Ronnie Culbertson was big man for the losers with a 135 line and a 352 set.

Team	W	L	Pct.
Clyde Culbertson	29	11	.725
Clarence Plonk	21	19	.525
Alley Cats	15	25	.375
Alexander's	15	25	.375

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