

September, 2025

News Letter

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Presidents Report:

Hello Big Game Hunters!

We now have a shipping container to store our equipment in. The mower is in for repairs and the club will be purchasing two weed whips, a limb saw, a blower and a chainsaw to keep the club house property clean.

We will be having a Celebration of Life for Milo "Matt" Burke on September 6 beginning at 12 Noon. Matt's family and other friends plan to attend. If you are able to attend, please call me – Rick O'Dell (314-303-1226) so we have food and drinks for everyone. Kim Burke requests no gifts or plants.

The 1st Annual BGH Fishing Trip to Lake Michigan was a HUGE success! We had 12 members charter two boats with Spend Thrift Charters. We were very successful in catching lake trout from 10 lbs. to 31 lbs. We are looking to have our 2nd Annual BGH Fishing Trip next May or June 2026 to go salmon fishing.

Spend Thrift Charter can only handle 12 members at one-time. If there is enough interest for a second group, this group can attend at different date. This is a two-day trip.

Hunting is fast approaching, now is the time to check your equipment. August and September can be notorious for hot weather. Remember to use bug spray to keep the ticks, chiggers and mosquitos away!

September 13, 2025, is our next workday at the club house and property. The day will begin at 8:00 am. Coffee, donuts and lunch will be served. We are still looking for volunteers to cut grass. Until our mower is repaired, we need volunteers to bring their mowers.

Four individuals called with an interest in the Meat Shoot. Due to lack of interest, this event is cancelled. We are thinking about having a Meat Shoot next Spring. It is a lot of fun and if you would like to bring friend along, you may do so. Please be on the lookout for additional details.

August 13, 2025, Shooting and BBQ, NO General Meeting. But lets get together for some shooting. Brats and Hot dogs, and sides. \$20.00 If you would like to attend, please call Jay Ernst. 314 660 0590 leave a message with name and how many are coming.

WORK DAY—September 13, 2025, is our next workday at the club house and property. The day will begin at 8:00 am. Coffee, donuts and lunch will be served. We are still looking for volunteers to cut grass. Until our mower is repaired, we need volunteers to bring their mowers. Please call Rick O'Dell 314 303 1226

Wild Game Dinner— February 2026 Jay Ernst and Rick O'Dell are starting work on the Wild Game Dinner for February 2026. We need extra help at this event. If you can help, please call Jay or Rick. If you are interested in attending the WGD, please get your table together. Last year, we made two announcements and sold out in two weeks! Attendance will be limited to 400. Remember, the money we raise at this event is used to support our club and club-house and club grounds.

Please remember BGH when hunting and fishing. Meat and Fish donations are greatly appreciated for the dinner!

September 10, 2025 General Meeting. The presentation will be the Salmon and Lake Trout trip to Lake Michigan out of Waukegan IL. 10 BGH members and 2 guests chartered two boats from Spend Thrift Charters for 2 partial days of fishing the clear waters of Lake Michigan. Come out and spend an evening with friends, fine dining and a presentation of a great summer time trip

BGH Turkey Contest—And the winners are:

Non typical turkey

1st. 63 5/8". Jim Mraz

Typical turkey

1st. 44 1/8". Mike. Gapsch

2nd. 40 3/4". Jim. Mraz

3rd. 38 3/4". Frank. Wagner

Lawn Mowing Season: Please call Rick O'Dell 314 303 1226 to schedule a time that you can help get the lawn mowed at the homesite. We have a nice zero turn to mow with, possible bring a friend to weed eat.

General Meetings: for 2025 are the Second Wednesdays of January, February, April, May, June, July, August , September, October. For Reservations call (314) 719-2832 The cost is \$25.00 per person for advanced reservations or \$30.00 per person with no reservation. If you do not have an advanced reservation we will not be able to guarantee there will be enough food for you and you will be served last.

All meetings will be held at the Homesite Doors open at 6:00pm

Board of Directors Meetings: in 2025 are the Third Wednesday of each month starting at 6:00 pm. Call Jerry Sauder, (314) 581-4140 for a reservation if you would like to attend. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Members are welcome!

Reservations for the General meetings: Please call (314) 719-2832 by 6:30pm on the Monday prior to the meeting.

Send hunting and fishing reports to:

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Fishing Report: Steve Pokorny

