

**October, 2025**

**News Letter**

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**Vice Presidents Report:**

**Hello Big Game Hunters!**

Since Rick is on a Moose hunt I get to do his report this month. I will keep it short and sweet.

We have had a few work days this year. I thank those who attended and worked to help keep the club looking nice and in order. When I became a member in 1982 the events that the club put on would have very good attendance. I always looked forward to the work days to visit with friends and especially to welcome new members and start new friendships. I would hope in the future we can give better notice to the members, but also start getting increased participation in the work days. Our homesite relies on members taking ownership and their spending time to keep the homesite going.

Our Wild Game dinner is fast approaching with Feb. 6, 2026 as the date. We received 2 deer today as our first donations of meat. Please remember BGH when you are hunting and fishing as we need donations. Without the income from the Wild Game Dinner BGH would in short time cease to exist. At this point the 125 members yearly dues is not enough to keep the club afloat. Please donate and Please attend. We have a great time at the dinner. I will attach a partial list of firearms that we will have available through raffles and prizes.

That being said please get informed on Missouri Dept. of Conservation's plan for CWD in Missouri. There are some very controversial issues with this plan. Being informed is very important at this point and time.

Everyone have a safe and successful hunting season!

**Crisp Triggers!**

**Jay Ernst**

**Vice-President**

PS—send successful hunting and fishing pictures to BGH email and I will get them in the newsletter.

I look forward to seeing everyone and the next general meeting as Charlie Marketer will be doing a presentation on processing deer.

## Hunt report:

Bill Guidicy and his wife Jess both took does this past Friday after work on a suburban archery hunt. One of the shots was videoed on the cell trail camera. Bill and Jess donated both deer to the Wild Game Dinner!



**October 8, 2025 General Meeting.** The presentation will be a demonstration by our own Charlie Mateker on how to butcher your deer. The evening starts at 6pm. Come out and spend an evening with friends, fine dining and a presentation that everyone will learn something from. Please call in your reservations @ (314) 719-2832. As always guests are welcome.

## Join MDC for deer management open houses around the state

*Talk with MDC staff about deer management, hunting regulations, efforts to keep Missouri deer healthy, and deer management on private land.*

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Enjoy hunting deer or watching them? Want help managing private land for deer? Want to know more about the Missouri Department of Conservation’s (MDC) efforts to keep deer healthy? MDC invites deer hunters, landowners and managers, wildlife watchers, and others interested in Missouri’s white-tailed deer to a series of community open houses around the state.

Attendees can talk with MDC staff about deer management and regulations, impacts of chronic wasting disease (CWD) and epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) on deer populations, managing private land for deer, and MDC’s Deer Management Assistance Program. In addition, MDC staff will share new information on CWD and how MDC is working with hunters, landowners, and other partners to minimize the threat of CWD and keep Missouri deer healthy.

“For generations, Missourians have worked together to protect deer and deer hunting,” said MDC Director Jason Sumners. “Fueled by a shared passion for white-tailed deer, hunters and other wildlife enthusiasts inside and outside MDC have built a healthy, abundant herd. These open houses offer a chance to build on that foundation.”

MDC staff will share information on the previously mentioned topics and welcome questions and comments from attendees.

- MDC invites the public to stop by the community open houses anytime between 4 – 8 p.m. No registration is required. They will be:
  - **Oct 6 in Palmyra** -- American Legion Hall, 600 Short St.
  - **Oct 7 in Macon** -- Expo Center, 1303 S. Missouri St.
  - **Oct. 8 in Eugene** -- Cole County R-V School, 14803 Highway 17
  - **Oct. 9 in Eureka** -- Eureka Community Center, 333 Bald Hill Road
  - **Oct 14 in Poplar Bluff** -- Three Rivers College Tinnin Fine Arts Center, 2080 Three Rivers Blvd.
  - **Oct. 15 in West Plains** -- Civic Center, 110 St Louis St.

**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.

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