

**November 2025**

**News Letter**

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**Frank Wagner**

**Club Historian:**

**William C. Abbott**



**Presidents Report:**

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Hello Big Game Hunters!

Rifle season has passed and I hope everyone was able to get a deer. We still have archery and alternative season coming up.

Starting December 17<sup>th</sup>, the rifle range building will be closed until further notice. We are re-pairing the foundation with additional work to support the sides of the building.

Please quit shooting the boards that hold up your targets. This is an additional expense that is getting out of control. We will be checking our cameras to find out who is doing this.

If you are shooting at any of the ranges, please check-in on the club house. We don't want any more disasters.

We will be working on the 25- and 50- yard ranges.

The Wild Game Dinner is SOLD OUT!! We are looking for workers and if you volunteer, this will count as a workday. We need your support because the money generated at this event supports the club grounds.

If anyone is interested in a Lake Michigan fishing trip in late April or early May, this may be a Monday/Tuesday or Tuesday/Wednesday, please contact me. Each boat can hold 6 individuals and the outfitter has two boats. We can make more than one trip, if needed. I have to call them the first week of January to secure a reservation because they fill up fast.

Our next members meeting will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Everyone have a safe and successful hunting season. Remember to email your stories and pictures to [biggamehuntersstl1@gmail.com](mailto:biggamehuntersstl1@gmail.com)

Everyone who attended the Christmas Party at the Club House had a great time, big and little.

Have a safe and Happy New Year!

Rick O'Dell

President BGH



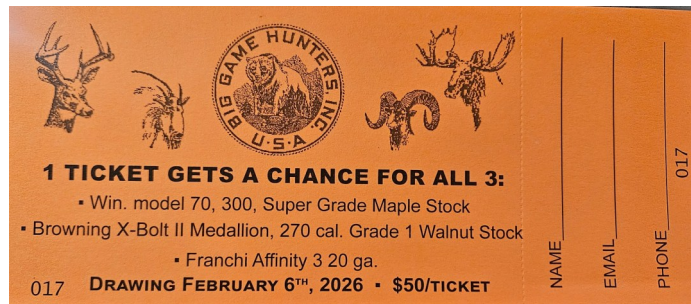
## **WILD GAME DINNER is February 6, 2026 at the Moolah Shrine.**

If you can donate wild game, fish or fowl we would greatly appreciate it.

**This event keeps the club going!**

**Thank you!**

**Call Rick O'Dell for tickets**



## **January 14, 2026 General Meeting– 6pm. Missouri Small Mouth and Walleye Fishing**

Bill Smith grew up in Shannon County and has been running and fishing the Jacks Fork and Current Rivers since he was nine years old. Smith, is living the dream and, is committed to making sure his clients have as much fun on the river as he does. Bill's—Scenic Rivers Guide Service and Tours, LLC fishes on the Ozark

National Scenic Riverways—this is a 134 mile long National Park consisting of the headwaters of the Jacks Fork and Current Rivers in South Central Missouri. Mostly in Dent, Shannon and Carter counties, this part of Missouri contains undeveloped Ozark Mountain forests, with crystal clear rivers, 58 large springs, and a riverfront cave. It teems with wildlife -- walleye and smallmouth fishing.

Come fish on the beautiful Current River with Bill Smith and enjoy the beautiful Ozarks.

**John Juelfs has fished with Bill 5 times now and recommends his services.**

**Come out and spend an evening with friends, fine dining and a great presentation. Please call in your reservations @(314) 719-2832. As always guests are welcome.**

**Board Members to be voted on at the January 2026 General meeting.** This vote will place these members on the board until January 2029:

**Kevin Miller**

**Greg Rodermund**

**Jerry Sauder**

**Frank Wagner**

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## 2025 Christmas Party

A BIG THANK YOU to Sue Mateker and her helpers!





## **Milestone Hunt Report:**

**Lou Rupp**— In late September and early October, member Lou Rupp joined with Lathan Meyers from West Virginia for a return trip to “The Rock” Newfoundland, Canada for an Eastern Moose hunt. Lou passed on 3 moose early on the first day, But later in the day took a good Eastern Moose. This moose completed Lou’s North American Twenty-Nine. Though not a targeted goal it just happened as Lous says. This was accomplished 2 months shy of Lou’s 83rd birthday.

This hunt was with Dean Crocker outfitting of Deep Country Lodge and experienced a truly outstanding operation and facilities. A full time cook-Henry Fcander, a top class guide-Tyler Ellis, and all around camp assistant and meat processor-Calvin Eddy at the beautiful lodge. Dean hunts Eastern Moose, Woodland Caribou and Black Bear. Highly Recommended!





## Hunt report:

### Leonard Wolter



Leonard took advantage of the White Tailed Deer Hunt offered to BGH members by Bill Perry.

[www.hiddencreekoutfitters](http://www.hiddencreekoutfitters)

Bill Perry 307 899 1355.

### Kai Holderby



Couple limits from Grand Pass





**2026 Dues are due by Dec 31 2025.**

**Hunt Report:**

**Ryan Galiley**



**Rick O'Dell**



**Kevin Suellentrop**

**General Meetings:** for 2025 are the Second Wednesdays of January, March, 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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