

May 2026
News Letter

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Presidents Report:

Hello Big Game Hunters,

Turkey season is here and I have been sent pictures of some nice Turkeys. Get your turkey measured by Jim Mraz.

Brandon from Wil-Nor Hunt Club will be our guest at the May members meeting. Let's show up.

Remember our 52 Gun Raffle. Check the list of firearms. You can't win if you don't buy a ticket. You have a chance at all 52 guns!

Squirrel season is coming up and Charlie Mateker has a good recipe for the Wild Game Dinner.

Fishing is open. Be safe on the water.

Conservation said ticks are out and the hospital said the tick virus are up 100%. Use what it takes to be safe.

I have an opening for the Salmon Trip on May 17-18-19. We will leave on Sunday, will be on the boat Monday morning at 11 am and again Tuesday morning at 4:30 am. We will be home Tuesday evening. Please call or email me if you are interested.

I am still looking for help for the trap house. We need to remove the trap thrower to rebuild the platform. This needs to be done this month (May). Please call me if you are available.

Kevin Miller and I attended the Annual NRA Convention in Houston, TX, last month and we had a lot of fun. We talked to gun and ammo manufacturers. I brought back pamphlets and brochures and put them on the tables in the club house.

We have a club picnic coming up in June. Always a great time. Please bring your family.

Remember to email your stories and pictures to biggamehuntersstl1@gmail.com

Finally, remember to keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction.

Rick O'Dell

President BGH

May 13, 2026 General Meeting at the Home Site 6pm. Come out and enjoy a presentation by Wil-Nor Hunt Club. Brandon the new owner will be here to present what is happening at Wil-Nor. As Always bring a guest and enjoy a great evening!

52 Gun Raffle will be starting soon. Please see the flyer that accompanies the news letter, you can also find it on the website—biggamehuntersstl.com

July 8, 2026—General Meeting—Annual Fish Fry and Sausage Fiest

Hunting and Fishing Reports:

Congratulations to:

Charlie Mateker



Matt Ludwig



Greg Rodermund



Frank Wagner



Ryan Galiley
and Family!



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.

BGH Picnic—June 14,2026 At the Homesite—More info coming

Target Shoot—August 8, 2026—More info coming

Missouri Elk Application 2026—Resident Antlered Elk Application

Limit: You may submit one Resident Antlered Elk Application per person per year. Applications are accepted between May 1 and May 31. Fee: \$10.00

Missouri Black Bear Season—Random Drawing for Bear Hunting Permits

1. Black bear hunting permits are allocated through a random drawing.
2. You must be a Missouri resident to apply.
3. The application period is May 1–31. Results are available beginning July 1.
4. It costs \$10 to apply. This fee is nonrefundable.
5. You must apply for a specific [Black Bear Management Zone](#).
6. You may submit only one application per year. Only one hunter is allowed per application.

Lake Taneycomo Fishing Trip—Several years ago the several members from the club and their guests would head down and spend 3 days fishing for trout, gigging suckers and eating like kings. We usually went mid January. I am going to put this trip together again for January 2027. We stayed at Trout Hollow Lodge. They have a large dock with slips to rent and also have boats to rent. If anyone is interested please contact Jay Ernst 314 660 0590 or the club email at biggamehuntersstl1@gmail.com