

June 2026
News Letter

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Presidents Report:

Hello Big Game Hunters!

I hope everyone was successful harvesting a Turkey. Now we are in Squirrel season. As always check your equipment and firearm to make sure they are in proper working order.

Fishing is in. Be safe on the water and send your pictures in.

I need your help on the trap range. We can do this after work or on a weekend. We need to remove the thrower and remove the old platform to build a new one. I need at least 4 to 5 younger members to help accomplish this task. Please contact me at 314.303.1226.

We need members to help cut the grass, trim and clean up the BGH Club grounds. This can be done during the week or on a weekend. Please call and let me know the dates you can help.

The 52 Gun Raffle list and form was mailed to all BGH Club Members. Please look at the list and purchase a ticket. If you happen to know a family member or friend who is interested in our raffle, please pass this information on.

I have an opening for the Salmon Trip on June 28, 29 and 30. The cost is \$460.00 plus fishing license and includes a 2-night stay and all the fishing gear is provided. If you are available, please call ASAP – 314.303.1226.

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

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

PS– Picnic date is being moved to early September. More to come on that.

Monthly meetings— A little view from the inside. We have a call in line for reservations in order to make sure we have enough food and drink. The last couple months we have run out before the line was fed. There were people who showed up without reservations who ate before those who had reserved. Charlie, Rick and I talked about it, and we will add a little extra food each month because we want everyone fed, and want to cover those who are last minute as we want them there also. Lastly no one is paid to cook and clean up after a meeting. It would be great to get a little help even for 10 minutes cleaning the tables, dishes or taking the trash out. Please use the call in line for reservations!

Jay

July 8, 2026 General Meeting.— Fish Fry and Sausage Feast. We don't have a set program for this night of feasting and hanging out with friends. If anyone would like to do a presentation that would be great. More to come

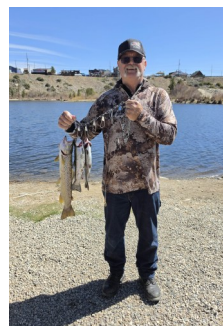
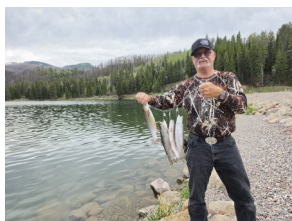
BGH PICNIC has be delayed to early September. Charlie is putting a new flyer together

August 2026—BGH Target shoot. Watch for more info soon.

Lake Taneycomo Fishing Trip—Early 2027—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 any is interested please contact Jay Ernst 314 660 0590 or the club email at biggamehuntersstl1@gmail.com

Hunting and Fishing report: Bob Adelsberger had a great trip for Walleye in the great cold and rainy north-pics are coming. Bob also has a trip scheduled with Bill Smith on the Current River for Small Mouth Bass. I am looking forward to a fishing report on that trip also. Bill Guides on the Current River for Small Mouth Bass and Walleye. He generously donated a fishing trip to our Wild Game Dinner.

Rick and Karen O'Dell in the Rockies of Colorado!



Home Site Lawn Maintenance—Rick is looking for help mowing the lawn at the home site. It is a big job for someone to do them selves week after week. We have a nice zero turn mower that gets the job done in a reasonable amount of time. If you can help out please give Rick a call at 314.303.1226

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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