October 2026
News Letter

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Presidents Report:

Hello Big Game Hunters!

Happy Fall!

Bow season is in! Hope you are enjoying the cooler weather. Make sure your hunting equipment is in working order. Please be safe in your stands and send your pictures and stories to biggamehuntersstl1@gmail.com

Thank you to Rick Striker for cutting the grass down at the BGH Clubhouse. Thank you to Adam Drury for spraying around the clubhouse and parking lot.

Recently we had work done at the home site. The side parking lot is cleaned up and rocked around the outside. Mulching has been done behind the trap house, around the rifle house and behind the clubhouse. We now have a bid to move forward with the walls behind the clubhouse. Work on this project will begin this winter.

Our Annual BGH Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 12, 2026.

The 52 Gun Raffle is going strong. Remember to check your cellphone, email address and website to see if you have won! https://biggamehuntersstl.com/52-gun-raffle-past-and-present-winners/

Friday, February 5, 2027 is the BGH Wild Game Dinner. Please mark your calendars because this event sells out fast! We will start accepting reservations after November 1, 2026. I have received telephone calls for 19 tables. Club members if you are interested in attending, remember to mail your reservation form and check in ASAP. If you are interested in being a Sponsor, the cost is $100.00. No need to attend the event to be a sponsor. As a sponsor, you will be entered into a Gun Raffle for sponsors only. If you are interested in donating money or gifts to the WGD, please contact Rick or Jay Ernst. Money earned from this event, keeps our Gun Club up and running.

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
BGH President

General Meeting Oct. 14, 2026—**Charlie Mateker will be presenting his 2025 Wyoming Elk Hunt with Kevin Miller and son Chase Mataker. This should be a good presentation as this hunt was a Do It Your Self Hunt outside of Glenrock WY.**

North Central Missouri Deer Hunts - BGH friend and Honorary member Bill Perry is offering White Tailed Deer Hunts outside of Macon / Calio MO.

Internet link— https://www.hcomissouri.com for Hidden Creek White Tail

Bill also owns Hidden Creek Outfitters outside of Cody Wyoming. He offers hunts in the remote wilderness of the Shoshone National Forest near the Southeast corner of Yellow Stone National Park. Many members have hunted with Hidden Creek Outfitters and have taken some very respectable Bull Elk and Mule Deer. Check out the HCO website at WWW.HIDDENCREEKOUTFITTERS>COM

Missouri Deer Seasons at a glance

2026–2027 Missouri Deer Season Dates
Archery Sept.15-Nov. 13, Nov. 25-Jan. 15 2027
Early Youth Oct. 24-25 2026
Firearms Antlerless Oct 9-11 2026, Dec. 5-13 2026
Firearms Nov. 14-24 2026
Late Youth Nov. 27-26 2026
Alternative Methods Dec. 26 2026—January 5 2027

1981 BGH Boar and exotic hunt

Mr Rich Meyer with the bow **Jeff Galiley on the left**





Wild Game Dinner Feb. 5 2027 At Moolah Shrine **Please keep our wild game dinner in mind this hunting season. We need donations on meat and fish for the dinner. The summer Sausage and brats that were appetizers last year took 5 deer to make. D&D Quality Deer Processors in House Springs made the sausages and has agreed to butcher 5 deer again this year for the Wild Game Dinner. 636 274 4594 the number to call to arrange a drop off time. As an FYI the funds raised at this dinner keep our club afloat! We can always use help at the dinner also. Call Rick O'Dell or Jay Ernst for information!**

Hunt Report:









Keeping with what has become an "Annual Tradition" members Lou Rupp and Bob Kaiser returned to Alberta Canada for two weeks of unbelievable waterfowl hunting with their two labsJipse and Al. The first week they hunted around Coronation Alberta in Southeastern Albertaout of the Battle River Lodge with Cana-Asia outfitting. The 2nd week they traveled to Bonnyville/Cold Lake area in Northeastern Alberta hunting with MC Outfitters.

As anticipated, the 2026 migration was in full swing with limits of all types of geese and ducks taken, on the morning setups providing time for a late breakfast, short nap and late afternoon scouting for the next mornings field and setup. Since this was the third year for the two dogs to work together, they worked like a tag team. One from each side of the blind like old pros. They were a true joy to watch!

And the answer is "yes" , planning for next years return is already in motion!

Target Shoot 1981







No board meeting in November 2026

General Meetings: for **2026 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 2026 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.

Club House news—We hired a gentleman to come in and do some clearing with his bobcat.








In the next few months a retaining wall will be built on the back side of the club house that will shore up the ground around the foundation, but more importantly will help stop the erosion under the patio edges to the down hill side.

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Late Hunt pictures:



Anthony Thebeau



Kai Holderby



Jeff Galiley

Safari Club Activities—See the included flier about Duck Hunting with The Great Rivers Habitat Alliance and Safari Club.

Owensville MO Event



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