

## BIG GAME HUNTERS NEWSLETTER

December 2010  
Newsletter

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### From the President

**Big:** of or pertaining to great strength, great force, large in dimensions.

**Game:** of or pertaining to animals under pursuit.

**Hunter:** of or pertaining to a person in pursuit of game. And so it is with the Big Game Hunters, Inc. Persons in pursuit of large animals.



President  
Charles H. Steib

With the Missouri Whitetail Season just ended, some BGH Members harvested animals, but many more Members pursued animals. Unfortunately, many persons and organizations believe that "shooting" is what big game hunting is all about. In truth, and by definition, it is the "pursuit" which is the essence of big game hunting. It is the open arena, the wild game, the fair chase which makes up big game hunting. Harvesting is secondary to the pursuit. Beef cattle are harvested – Whitetail Deer are pursued.

Success for Members of the Big Game Hunters, Inc., is not measured by the harvest. It is measured by the intensity, the skill, the tenacity and the ethics of the pursuit. Sometimes a harvested animal is the result, but if the animal was pursued with intensity, skill and in an ethical manner, the hunt was a success, whether or not an animal was harvested. These are words Members of the Big Game Hunters not only utter, but live by. So the next time a non-hunter asks "Did you get a deer?", the answer should

be "I had a successful hunt."  
We all know what that means.

*Looking for  
a .308 Rifle*  
Chuck Steib is looking for a .308 rifle in good condition.  
Call him at  
(314) 862-7805 or e-mail  
at [csteib@binisteib.com](mailto:csteib@binisteib.com)

*BGH Shirts*  
Big Game Hunters shirts are available, Contact  
Adam Wedel  
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You can also read the Newsletter at [www.bghf.net](http://www.bghf.net)

# Hunting Report for the 2010 Whitetail Deer Season



Leonard Wolter's daughter  
Rebecca  
Youth Season –Oct. 30th



Jill Erlinger's Grandson  
Dillon



Bill Guidicy  
Bow Hunting– Oct. 16th

"Throughout history sportsman have overlooked the cost of a challenge. Instead, they have embraced the necessity of accomplishing it." -- Jim Slinsky



Brett Grimm  
Bow Hunting– Nov. 6th



Ron Quathem

## Hunting Report- Jay Ernst



Here are pictures from my hunt with Hidden Creek Outfitters. With warm weather the deer and elk were not moving much. Though the Grizzlies were moving in and around camp every day. Bill's "Teton Camp" sits approx 700 yards off the SE corner of Yellow Stone Park. We could see elk in the park, but with warm weather they were

not moving much and were hanging out at around 10,000 ft. altitude living the easy life.



## Calendar of Events

December 4, 2010—Christmas Party at the Homesite

January 21 thru 23, 2011—Annual Fishing Trip, Trout Hollow Lodge,  
Lake Taneycomo Hollister, Mo

February 4, 2011—Wild Game Dinner at the Moolah Shrine Center

March 4 , 2011—Auction, The Falls Columbia, Il



Chuck Steib with  
Missouri Governor Jay  
Nixon at the "Share the  
Harvest" Event

## 2011 Board Of Directors Nominations

### Big Game Hunters Inc.. Article VII,

#### ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

**Section 1.** Election of the board of Directors: It shall be the responsibility of the Nomination Committee to provide on an annual basis a slate of eligible Candidates for Director selected from Active Members in "Good Standing".

- A. The slate of six Candidates shall include at least one Candidate who has not previously been elected to serve on the Board of Directors.
- B. The Slate of Candidates shall be published in the December

Newsletter and mailed to the Members. The Candidates shall be introduced to the Club Members and placed in the Nomination at the regular January Meeting.

- C. Nominations, from the floor, will also be accepted by and for Active Members "In Good Standing" at the regular January Meeting of General Membership.
- D. Only Active Members "In Good Standing" will vote at the regular January Meeting of the General Membership on ballots, oral or written, prepared listing the "Slate of Candidates" with additional space for Candidates nominated from the floor. Each Active Member shall be entitled to cast one vote

for each open position on the Board of Directors. The Nominees receiving the most votes will be elected as Directors.

- E. The Newly elected Directors shall take office at the January Board of Directors Meeting.

#### 2011 Nominees to the board:

David Baer  
Brett Grimm – New  
Joseph Crawley  
Gerald Sauder Jr.  
Charles Steib  
Douglas Bay

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working to  
protect  
hunting, then  
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—Fred Bear

## Hunting Report - John Gibbs

This year marked my 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of mule deer hunting with Montana Outfitter Bill Perkins ([www.perkinsoutfitters.com](http://www.perkinsoutfitters.com)). On the second morning of my hunt we spotted a big framed buck from almost a mile away. We thought he might be "the one" so we closed the distance and started to hike mostly up hill for almost ¾ of a mile. When we got to the top of the ridge

we saw the buck with 8 does, unfortunately they were almost 400 yards away and heading for the neighbors fence. I sat down, on a cactus, and put my bi-pods down. I was trying to catch my breath before I took the shot. Unfortunately the buck was now only a couple yards from the fence. It was now or never; the doe in front of the buck jumped the fence. I took a 360 yard shot and we

heard the thud of the bullet hitting the buck. He spun around and headed back into the field. I opened up on him; unfortunately trying to hit a running buck at 300 plus yards when you're still breathing hard isn't the easiest. After several more shots and a barrel hot enough to fry eggs on, he was on the ground. The buck was a big framed 4x4, 27 inches wide and 24 inches high.



## Hunting Report - Sam Wright

In September, I went on Safari with African Outfitter, Nitro Safari, owned by Barry and Dalene Vermeulen, out of Kimberley, Northern Cape, South Africa. This was a seven day South African Plains Game hunt that I booked thru Cabela's Outdoor Adventures.

The accommodations at Sunset Game Lodge were very nice. This was my first international hunt and it was fantastic. Barry was a great guide, very patient with me and my unique hunting style. Actually I learned a lot about hunting in general while I was following Barry around the bush.

The first afternoon before the hunt started, Barry and I drove around to see what game was to be spotted. I had forgotten my camera and missed some early photo opportunities. The quantity of game was amazing with many different species that could be added to the package.

Most shots were around the two hundred yard mark, using shooting sticks and rocks as my rifle support. My longest shot was on the Common Blesbok at approximately 400 yards.

The White Blesbok is 46 5/8 which is 53rd in SCI Trophy list.

The Common Blesbok is 43 4/8 which places in the top 100 SCI Trophy list.

The Springbok is 34 4/8 which places in the top 100 SCI Trophy list.

Not bad for my first African Safari. I highly recommend this hunt for all hunters. I am already planning my next Safari, maybe next year.



You can also view pictures online at [www.bghf.net](http://www.bghf.net)

## Hunting Report- Logan Rabushka

Big Game Hunters member Logan Rabushka – In June, my Grandfather took me to New Zealand to hunt with Kiwi Safaris. I had a

very successful hunt and I was fortunate enough to collect 2 Red Stags, a Fallow deer, a Tahr and a Chamois.



## Big Game Hunters Dues

All dues payable by 12/31/2010 for the year 2011

- Regular dues \$80.00 per year
- Senior dues \$40.00 per year for over age 70 WITH the approval of the board
- Junior dues \$20.00 per year for over 16 and under 21 years of age
- Youth dues \$10.00 per year for over 11 and under 16

Penalties for late payment are \$20.00 if paid after 12/31/2010 and before 1/31/2011. After 1/31/2011 members who have not paid must reapply for membership to the club. Please make checks payable to Big Game Hunters Inc. and send them to Doug Bay at 316 Greenbriar Estates Dr. St. Louis, Mo 63122

“Do not look to the ground for your next step; greatness lies with those who look to the horizon.” -- Norwegian Proverb

## Looking for a Hunt in West Texas?

BGH Member Tom Schiller-I am wondering if any BGH members would be interested in joining me on a trip to west Texas in January. The primary quarry would be quail, but rabbits, coyotes, bobcats, and hogs could also be on the menu. A stop in Tulsa to visit the Midwest Sportsman's

Convention is also a possibility. Approximate cost of \$1800 per person. It should be a fun hunt and a nice break from the winter weather in Missouri. Contact me if you are interested.

Also, a friend of mine has an excellent 190-acre deer and

turkey lease near Glasgow, in north central Missouri. He is looking for hunters who might be interested in leasing it for the entire hunting season, though he will consider offers for shorter leases. The property is mostly wooded, surrounded by cropland, and has not been hunted for 5 years. If you are

interested, contact me and I will put you in touch with the owner.

Tom Schiller  
314-835-0799  
[4schills@sbcglobal.net](mailto:4schills@sbcglobal.net)

## Big Game Hunters Foundation- AUCTION

**2011 Auction** – Our fund raising auction is around the corner. March 4, 2011 at the Falls Reception Center in Columbia IL. At this time we are asking for help with donations. If you know of a Hunting Outfitter or a Fishing Outfitter that may donate please let us know and we will contact them. Donations of any kind are needed and welcome. Please contact Jay Ernst or Rick O'Dell for more information. Donation forms will be forth coming.



## BGH Wild Game Dinner

Enclosed you will find the flyers for the 2011 Wild Game Dinner. The dinner will again be held at The Moolah Shriner's Center on Friday February 4<sup>th</sup>. We are asking all members to please save any wild game meat or fish to donate for this event. The more varieties of game we get donated the more dishes we will have to offer members and guest. Charlie Mateker will begin accepting meat donations on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011. Also, keep in mind that we are looking for volunteers to work this event and also any items that you would like to donate, big or small, would be truly appreciated. Please call Donna @ 636-240-5404 or email me at [Florissantsod@centurytel.net](mailto:Florissantsod@centurytel.net) if you can help in anyway. We will be accepting reservations as soon as you receive your flyer. We are in the planning process now, so if you have any ideas or suggestion please let us know. We are looking forward to another fun filled evening.

### General Meetings

2010/2011 Second Wednesday of ;  
September, October, November, December, January, April and May  
For Reservations and Location call (636) 230-4201

### Board of Directors Meetings

2010/2011 Third Wednesday of each month  
(Be sure to confirm date and location)  
Call the Club President for Reservations

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[www.bghf.net](http://www.bghf.net)

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3129 Frisco Hill Rd.  
Imperial, Mo 63052

### BGH Big Buck Contest

Don't forget the 2010 Big Game Hunters Big Buck Contest. If you shoot a buck in your home state, contact Jim Mraz to have your deer scored. There are three different categories to enter; Archery, Muzzleloader and Rifle.



We would like to include your stories, pictures, tips and reviews. If you have a Hunting or Fishing report, pictures or stories from a recent adventure. Articles need to be 250 words or less and is due by the 15th of the month. Please send them to Brett Grimm, [brett@heartlandhunters.com](mailto:brett@heartlandhunters.com) or Jim Mraz, [jem@tarltoncorp.com](mailto:jem@tarltoncorp.com).

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