

BIG GAME HUNTERS NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter

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From the President

Charles H. Steib

As you are aware, Article III, Section 1 of the BGH By-Laws states as a pre-requisite to membership in the BGH, that to be a Member, you must be a paid-up Member of the National Rifle Association (NRA).



There is a long-standing and close relationship twixt the BGH and the NRA. Being the forerunner in protecting Second Amendment Rights, the NRA and its efforts in this area are integral to the mission of the BGH. As a supporter of the NRA's efforts, the BGH has contributed over \$50,000 to the NRA.

Not only are Individual members of the BGH a part of the NRA, but the BGH itself participates in NRA Club Affiliation and maintains a membership therein. The NRA sponsors a Grant Program from which the BGH benefited by being the recipient of nearly \$8000 used to provide furniture and audio-visual equipment at the Homesite. The NRA sponsors, also, a Liability Insurance Program which has enabled the BGH to purchase liability insurance for the BGH in an otherwise sparse insurance market.

This Spring, April 13-15, 2012, an opportunity will be available for BGH Members to again work closely with the NRA. The NRA National Convention will be held in St. Louis. Admission to the Convention is at no cost to BGH/NRA Members. As in the past, BGH Members have not only attended this Convention, but also actively worked thereat. The BGH has offered to supply workers for the Convention. If you can spare a couple of hours to lend a hand, please call Jill Erlinger, 618-539-3887 or Rick O'Dell, 636-931-4864.



Jordan Miller, Kevin Millers
Daughter shot this deer
during Youth Season



Youth Member Scott Mráz
shot this deer during Youth
Season

Hunting Report –



Frank Wagner shot this buck with his bow the first 3 hours of the Iowa season



Wes Burke with his Wyoming Antelope along with back up Guide, Matt Burke



Rich Franke and his Wyoming Antelope

"They are our lands. We bought them, we paid for them and we will control them. Never should we allow society to compromise the true purpose of our state game lands. They are for the pursuit of the grand tradition of hunting."

-- Jim Slinsky



Mike Patrick shot this deer with his bow at 30 Yards



The one that got away

Wild Game Dinner

I am sure that everyone has deer hunting on the brain right now, but please keep in mind that we will be accepting donations of any meat, fowl or fish for the upcoming wild game dinner. Charlie Mateker at Mateker's Catering will be accepting all donations right after Thanksgiving on November 26th. So please help your Club prepare for this dinner and fill Charlie's freezer. All donations are truly appreciated.

We are also looking for any other type of items you could donate or someone you may know that would offer to donate. For those of you that have attended the Wild Game Dinner in the past, you know how much fun we have and all the give-a ways we do. Please let me know if you have any items, ideas or bargains you may find. Volunteers are also needed to make the wild game dinner the success it has been in the past. We couldn't pull this event off without all the wonderful people that have donated their time to this event. So please give Donna a call at 314-575-4544 if you would like to help in any way. We need help to set-up the day of the event and also to work the games, raffles,, etc. Until then, Happy Hunting., Donna

Pay Dues

Membership dues deadline is 12/31,
see the back page for
payment information

Calendar of Events

- December 3, 2011—Annual Christmas Party at the Home Site
- December 31, 2011—Membership Dues Deadline, see back page for more details
- January 11, 2012 — General Meeting at Spazios, for reservations call (636) 230-4201, Presentation by Master Hunter, John Gibbs, John will share videos of some of his Trophy hunts.
- January 21 & 22, 2012—Missouri CCW & NRA Basic Pistol at the Homesite. The range will be closed on Sunday the 22nd
- January 27 thru 29, 2012—BGH Annual Fishing Trip, Lake Taneycomo, Trout Hollow Lodge
- February 3, 2012—Wild Game Dinner at the Shrine Center contact Donna (636) 240-5404
- March 2, 2012 — Big Game Hunters Foundation Auction
- April 13-15, 2012 — NRA Convention In St. Louis is looking for BGH Volunteers, for more information call Rick O'Dell 314-303-1226 or Jill Erlinger 618-539-3887



The 2010 Hunter of the Year, Loren Rutledge and the Prestigious Master Hunter Award, to John Gibbs. Presented by President Chuck Steib

Big Game Hunters – Board of Directors

Pursuant to the by-laws, the nomination committee has put forth the following candidates to serve a three year term on the Board of Directors. The election will be held at the January general meeting, The candidates are;

Bruce T. Berger
M. Wesley Burke
Charles E. Ruggeri

John R. Gibbs
Charles W. Mateker
Charles Jones—NEW

"No, I'm not a good shot, but I shoot often."

-- Teddy Roosevelt

Hunting Report – John Gibbs



John Gibbs

I just got back from my 14th consecutive Montana Mule Deer hunt with Bill and Mark Perkins of Perkins Outfitting (www.perkinsoutfitters.com). I shot a nice 7x7 the second morning of the hunt. We saw this buck around 9AM the first day but he was on the neighbor's side of the fence. We decided to get to the same spot at sunrise the next morning and see if we could catch him feeding on our side of the fence. After a lot of glassing we saw him 1000 yards away on a hillside on our side of the fence. We watched him as he disappear into a deep cut. We decided to put a stalk on and try to get above him. It took us about an hour to make the mile long hike as we carefully tried to get above the deer. We finally spotted him bedded on the side of a deep cut bank. It took us four attempts to get the right angle on him to make a good shot, but I finally was able to peek over a small hill and get a broadside shot. I shot him in his bed at 130 yards. His only movement was his head hitting the ground.

Big Game Hunters Annual Dues

All Dues payable by 12/31/2011 for the year 2012

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 12/31/2011 and before 1/31/2012. After 1/31/2012 Members who have not paid must re-apply 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

Special Thanks

A special thanks to Marilyn and Loren Rutledge for their donation to the Big Game Hunters in honor of the marriage of Janet and Rich Franke.

General Meetings

At Spazios, unless otherwise indicated. Starts at 6:30pm the second Wednesday of; January, April, May, September, October, November and December. For Reservations call (636) 230-4201 by Monday of that week. Cost, \$25.00, if no reservation is received by Monday, midnight the week of the meeting, the Cost is \$30.00

Board of Directors Meetings

The December Meeting will be Wednesday, December 21st at Spazios and Starts at 6:30pm Call the President for reservations or more information. Cost, \$25.00.

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www.bghf.net

Big Game Hunters
Home site

3129 Frisco Hill Rd.
Imperial, Mo 63052

BGH Big Buck Contest

Don't forget the 2011 Big Game Hunters Big Buck Contest. If you shoot a buck in your home state, contact Jim Mraz to have your deer scored. Categories for Archery, Muzzleloader and Rifle.



BGH Shirts

Big Game Hunters shirts are available,
Contact Doug Bay
(314) 378-6508

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 or Jim Mraz, jem@tarltoncorp.com.

You can view the latest Newsletter anytime at www.bghf.net