

BIG GAME HUNTERS NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter

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From the President

As a result of several requests for various uses of the Clubhouse and Range at the Home Site, it is beneficial to look at the purpose of the BGH, as registered with the State of Missouri as a General Not-For-Profit Missouri Corporation.

The purpose (s) for which the corporation is organized is (are): "The object and purpose of this club shall be to promote fraternity and good sportsmanship among Big Game Hunters, to foster the principles of conservation and the perpetuation of all wild life, to aid game and conservation commissions in their constructive efforts to conserve, propagate and protect our wildlife and encourage obedience to law enacted for its benefits"

When considering a request for use of the Clubhouse or Range, please keep this in mind.

This is the new format for the Newsletter. If you have Photographs or items of interest for the Newsletter, please forward them to Brett Grimm by the 15th of the month.

The Board of Directors is currently surveying several venues for both General Meetings and the Board of Directors Meetings. Over the next several months the meeting locations will change. It is extremely important, therefore, to check the Newsletter for the location of the next Meeting before calling in your reservation.



Charles H. Steib
President



Enjoy Free Fishing Days

Discover the lure of Missouri outdoors with Free Fishing Days on June 12 and 13. Each year the Missouri Department of Conservation designates the weekend after the first Monday in June for permit-optional fishing. The goal of Free Fishing Days is to encourage peo-

ple to sample the state's abundant fishing opportunities. During Free Fishing Days, anyone can fish in the Show-me State without having to buy a fishing permit, trout stamp or trout park daily tag. Missouri is blessed with more than a million acres of surface

water, and most of it provides great fishing. Fly fish for trout in a spring-fed Ozark stream or trotline for monster catfish on Missouri's Big Rivers. Our waters hold ancient paddlefish and sturgeon, ferocious muskies, wary bass and tasty bluegill, crappie and walleye.

Big Game Hunters Visits NRA Convention



The 2011 NRA Convention will be held in Pittsburgh, Pa

Charlotte, N.C was the site for the 139th annual NRA Convention. Rick O'Dell, Jill Erlinger, and Rusty Ellis, friend of BGH, arrived in Charlotte after a 13 hour drive to begin what was a well represented convention.

We have volunteered our time to the NRA during the past few years as one of their top groups and as always were warmly welcomed by the volunteer chairman Dennis Eggers. Our full days involved setting up the NRA store, the best place to

pick up NRA material and goods. After our three, ten hour days working, we attended a wonderful convention with many new products available and wearing our BGH shirts we progressed to every venue to contact all companies that would help us with our auction in 2011. We received many positive feedbacks, so looks like we have made some great contacts again.

Not only was the NRA in town that week, but it also was the opening of the NASCAR

Museum and Charlotte came alive, just ask Rick how volunteering for the NRA got him on the Charlotte Race Track going 180 miles an hour. WOW!!!!

Since all BGH members belong to the NRA consider an upgrade to LIFE, PATRON, OR BENAFACOR as we all need to protect or right to bear arms and that is something we all need to fight for.

By, Jill Erlinger

"The sportsman lives his life vicariously, for he secretly yearns to have lived before in a simpler time. A time when his love for the land, water, fish and wildlife would be more than just part of his life. It would be his state of mind."

2010 Missouri Turkey Harvest

Hunters were aided by a slight improvement in turkey reproduction last year and mostly good hunting weather during the three-week spring season.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO— Hunters made the most of the final week of Missouri's 21-day

spring turkey season, shooting 8,263 birds. The last week's harvest boosted the regular-season tally to 42,254, an increase of 429 from last year. Top harvest counties for the regular season April 19 through May 9 were Franklin with 872, Texas with 755 and St. Clair

with 701.

Missouri's spring turkey season has two parts. Hunters age 6 through 15 shot 3,945 turkeys during the youth season April 10 and 11. This boosted the combined spring turkey harvest to 46,199, which is 1,491 more than last year.



John Gibbs
Mouflon Sheep

Hunting and Fishing Report

John Gibbs – Mouflon Sheep

Confronting cabin fever, I decided to go on a Mouflon Sheep hunt to try and hold me over until our fall hunting season started. The

hunt was at Stone Creek Ranch located about 20 miles south of Rolla. The ranch consisted of about 500 acres of oak and cedar timber which made spotting animals challenging. The owner, Justin Hoffman, has

a new lodge on the property and specializes in hog and exotic hunts. I had a successful hunt and shot a 35 inch European Mouflon Sheep.

News From The National Rifle Association

NRA's connection with the military can be traced back to its founding in 1871 by two Union Army veterans of the Civil War, Col. William C. Church and Gen. George Wingate. Over the next century, NRA's unyielding commitment to freedom and patriotism would be especially evident during World War II, when the association offered its ranges to the government, developed pre-induction marksmanship training programs, and encouraged members to serve as Home Guards, which states were organizing to replace National

Guard units.

Today, to permanently honor America's Veterans, The NRA Foundation has established the U.S. Veteran's Endowment.

The annual investment income from this endowment benefits NRA programs to further NRA's objectives "to train members of law enforcement agencies, the armed forces, the militia, and people of good repute in marksmanship and in the safe handling and efficient use of small arms and...to promote the public

safety, law and order, and the national defense."

In addition, the NRA has established the U.S. Veterans Honor Roll of Freedom to recognize all Americans who served this great country. Whether you or a loved one served in WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, or during peacetime – you or your loved one's name can be added to the U.S. Veterans Honor Roll of Freedom.



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Hunting and Fishing Report

Lou Rupp and George Orphan—Spring Turkey

Big Game Hunter members Lou Rupp and George Orphan just returned from another

successful spring Turkey hunt in the southern tip of an area they have deemed "The Honey Hole". The area was named due to their success with deer, turkey and pheasant hunting the past several years. This

year's Kansas Turkey hunt lasted until noon on opening day with 4 big Toms brought to bag.

"When you come to accept conservation as far more important than recreation and consumption, you will have achieved the dubious title of sportsman."

Hunting and Fishing Report

Steve Ogden—Eastern Turkey

Steve shot this nice Tom after 4 years of not being able to make the Spring Turkey hunt. It all happened on a small farm near

Licking Missouri, just after 10:00am on May 5th. Steve spotted this bird at over 350 yards away and still was able to call this bird into his set up. But, after a misfire, Steve kept his composure and put down this Tom at nearly 50 yards!!! The Boss

bird had a 10.5 inch beard and over 1 inch spurs and estimated his weight at nearly 24lbs. Steve said the two things he learned from this hunt were, #1, Never give up!! And #2 Always Load Fresh Ammo.....



Steve Ogden
Spring Turkey

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**Special Thanks to
Joe Crawley
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For donating the
Hunter of the Year
Award**

The newsletter is here to provide you with up to date information from not only the Big Game Hunters but, from in and around the Outdoor community. 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, an Outfitter or gear review or any information you would like to share with the Big Game Hunters members; your article needs to be 200 words or less and is due by the 15th of the month. Please send them to Brett Grimm at brett@heartlandhunters.com before the deadline to be included in the next months' issue.

General Meetings

2010/2011 Second Wednesday of ;

September, October, November, December, January, April and May

For Reservations call (636) 230-4201

All meetings will be held at the Home Site until Further Notice at 6:30pm

Board of Directors Meetings

2010/2011 Third Wednesday of each month

(Be sure to confirm date and location)

Call the Club President for Reservations

Calendar of Events

June 9, 2010—General Meeting "Sausage Feast" at the Home Site Call (636) 230-4201 for Reservations

June 13, 2010—Picnic at the Home Site

August 15, 2010—Target Shoot at the Home Site

December 4, 2010—Christmas Party at the Home Site

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

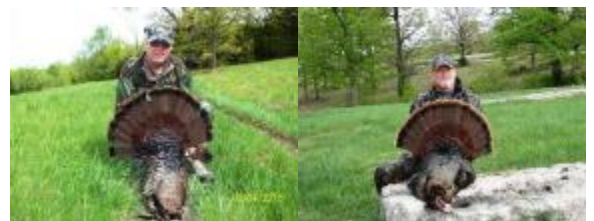
March 4, 2011—Auction



To include your picture,
Please send it in!!!

2010 Spring Turkey Contest Winners

1st Place	Chris Seller	48 1/8
2nd Place	Mike Patric	43 1/2
3rd Place	Jim Mraz	42 1/2
4th Place	Bill Kratz	41 6/8
5th Place	Dennis Dennis Jr.	40 1/2
6th Place	Steve Ogden	40
7th Place	Jim Mraz	Jake 13 1/2
8th Place	Scott Mraz	Jake 11 1/4



Bill Kratz

Mike Patrick