

BIG HORN RANCH NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 924
American Fork, Utah 84003-0924

July 2025

THE ANNUAL BBQ WILL BE ON AUGUST 9, 2025

BBQ: Saturday, August 9, 2025
PLACE: Pavilion
TIMES: 8:00 am – Board Meeting
9:30am-12:00pm – Lunch & Raffle Tickets Purchase

For the kids, 10:00am to 11:30.

Games & crafts for kids, fun stuff, egg hunt, and snow cones

- Skeet Shoot 9:00 A.M - 11:30 A.M. Shoot off only after lunch. (Bring your own shotgun shells)
- 22 Target Shoot 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. (22 rounds will be provided)
Note: 18 and older open sights standing/17 & under any shooting position
No Scopes allowed.
- BBQ/lunch 12:00 – 1:00pm
- Annual Membership Meeting – 12:30 pm
- Board Nominations
- Awards 1:00pm
- Auction & Raffle

What to Bring: \$3.00 per person. A side dish of your choice for your family in addition to the meal.

****The Ranch accepts cash, check and credit cards for meals, raffle tickets and auction winnings**.**

The Ranch provides:

- Drinks
- Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and condiments
- Chips
- Corn on the Cob
- Dessert
- Plates, forks, and spoons

ANNUAL DUES

Annual dues of \$100.00 per share, paid by check, were to be received no later than May 15, 2025. If payment was not received on or before that date, there is a \$25.00 late fee assessed. Dues can be mailed to Big Horn Ranch, P.O. Box 924, American Fork, Utah 84003. **If dues and workdays are not completed or paid by August 15, 2025, all HUNTING RIGHTS will be revoked for the year!** Returned checks revoke all rights to ranch access and late fees will be charged.

WORKDAYS

Opportunities to complete your workdays in 2025 wrapped up in June. If your name doesn't appear on the sign-up sheet, you will not get credit for working. There may be one more opportunity if you need a workday. Contact Beverly Peacock at 801-224-4893 or 801-361-7868 to work at the BBQ on AUGUST 9th STARTING AT 8:00am. If your workdays are not completed by the day of the BBQ, you will need to pay the fee of \$200.00 per workday, per share and a late fee of \$25.00. Each share requires two workdays to be completed or paid (total of \$400) no later than the annual BBQ. *Workday fees increased to \$200.00 per day, per share starting in 2025.

BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE 2025-2026 SEASON

	HOME	CELL
Kerry Evans	President	801-836-1015
Victor Valdez	Vice President	801-319-2708
Gary Wells	Treasurer	801-580-1236
Bruce Johnson	Secretary	435-840-8324
Jim Winn	Trustee	801-830-9538
Beverly Peacock	Trustee	801-224-4893 801-361-7868
Steve Trane	Trustee	801-319-2713
Brandon Bunker	Trustee	801-376-3695
Tracy Trane	Trustee	801-699-2916
Don Johnson	1 st Alternate	801-949-5151
Kolton Winn	2 nd Alternate	801-368-3483
Kai Fitzhugh	3rd Alternate	801-885-7149

BOARD MEMBERS TERM THAT WILL BE EXPIRING MARCH 2026:

Victor Valdez - Vice President; Steve Trane and Brandon Bunker -Trustees;
Don Johnson, Kolton Winn, and Kai Fitzhugh - Alternates.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership cards will be available at the ranch pavilion on Saturday, August 9, 2025, if all dues are paid in full and workdays are completed or paid for. Membership cards that are not picked up at the barbecue and are not delinquent will be mailed to your home address the following week. If you are unable to pick up your card at the barbecue, and your share is in good standing, and you need the new combination before you receive your new card in the mail, it is your responsibility to contact a board member or Jamie Winn (801) 404-8358.

ELK TAG RAFFLE

In 2025, Utah passed a new hunting bill (H.B. 202), which allows individuals and organizations owning private property to apply for unique private land big bull elk tags that would normally need to be drawn using points or luck. The Big Horn Ranch, as a private landowner, qualifies for these annual vouchers. The Ranch submitted an application for hunting vouchers this past May. The ranch expects to receive at least one big bull elk voucher to hunt on ranch property this year, with an opportunity to receive a total of two big bull elk vouchers in 2026. If successful, the ranch will raffle the vouchers(s) at the annual BBQ in August each year if we receive vouchers. We wanted to get this news out to members as early as possible, so you know and understand the hunting opportunities and expectations if the individual who draws the lucky vouchers. The winning voucher can be redeemed at any DWR office for the hunting tag. Cost to be determined by the DWR.

Q: What season(s) could the elk tag hunt be held?

A: The application for the Landowner tag was submitted for EB3175 (Sept 17 – Sept 21) and EB3177 (Oct 4 – Oct 16). We do not know at this time which hunt, and tag will be provided.

RULES ASSOCIATED WITH USING THIS BIG BULL ELK TAG

- You can hunt on **Big Horn Ranch property ONLY** (This voucher **does NOT allow hunting** on Olsen's property, State or Federal lands or any other property)
- It is highly recommended that you have an app or GPS available to identify Big Horn Ranch boundaries.
- Must be of legal age to hunt in Utah and have a valid Utah Hunting license.
- Must comply with all other Utah DWR big game hunting laws, rules and regulations.
- Members may hunt during the dates of the actual tag with an approved legal weapon.
- May not transfer or sell the voucher or tag to another hunter or ranch member.
- May not mentor someone during the hunt on Big Horn Ranch property
- Only Big Horn Ranch shareholders and family as defined in the by-laws may purchase raffle tickets (see by-law 2.1 and 8.17) to hunt on Big Horn property.
- All dues must be paid and membership in good standing as per Big Horn Ranch by laws (2.2.7) to purchase a raffle ticket and access the property during the hunting season.
- Only one animal per share may be taken, including immediate family (8.17.2). If you have a cow tag or general season elk tag, you may only harvest one elk per share on ranch property.
- You must report the result of the hunt to the DWR as outlined in their rules, regulations and time frame.
- Members cannot purchase a raffle ticket to win the big bull tag if they currently possess another big bull tag in the State of Utah
- Sign a waiver with the Big Horn Ranch agreeing to follow State of Utah Hunting requirement and Big Horn Ranch Bylaws

Big Horn Ranch Raffle Process

- Big game vouchers will be raffled independently of the general raffle items.
- Guests of members are not allowed to purchase Big Game raffle tickets.
- The members shall place their full name on each raffle ticket.
- The cost per raffle ticket will be \$100.00 in addition to the fee required by the Fish and Game.
- The maximum number of tickets per share can be purchased is three (3).
- Raffles will occur at the annual BBQ in August of each year.
- If the ranch receives more than one big game voucher and your name is drawn first, you may not receive a second voucher if you purchase more than one ticket.
- Members may purchase raffle tickets for their child if they are of legal hunting age, pass hunter's safety and possess a valid State of Utah hunting license at the time of the hunt.
- If you cannot make the BBQ but would like to purchase a ticket, a family member may purchase the raffle ticket(s) on your behalf. The name of the member must be on the back of the ticket and in possession of the winning ticket at the time of the exchange for the tag.
- If you are fortunate enough to win a raffle ticket this year (2025), you may not enter the raffle again for the next two years. There will be a two-year waiting period between when you are selected and when you can enter again. Hopefully this will allow members more opportunities to win. There will be no refunds for this raffle.

FISH

The board voted to change the way the fish are delivered to the pond this year on a trial basis. We will have one half of the fish delivered as soon as we can get to the pond, around the 1st of June. Then the second half of the fish delivered mid-July. Hopefully spreading the delivery of the fish over time will allow members to enjoy fishing and the ability to catch fish throughout the fishing season. If there are any comments, please reach out to the board members. If this trial works, we will continue with two deliveries per year.

WATER USAGE

Due to the limited snowfall last winter, the board continues to recommend water-saving measures. Please remember that water availability is never guaranteed. Water may be shut off at any time after August, depending on weather conditions.

To help conserve water:

- Top off your trailers before leaving your camp site.
- Disconnect your water hose when leaving your camp site.
- Check regularly for leaks and avoid waste—whether accidental or intentional, don't be careless.
- Report any leaks or water loss immediately to a board member.

WEB PAGE

The Big Horn Ranch Web Page is ***mybighornranch.com***. Visit this site for information about the ranch. For access to membership information only, see the information on your membership card.

User name = bighorn Password = gatekeeperXXXX (XXXX is the combination)

If you have pictures you would like to post on this web page, e-mail them to mybighornranch@gmail.com

CAMPSITES

Campsites must be occupied by July 1, 2025. See by-law 8.12.2, 8.12.3, 8.12.4 and 8.12.5 if there are any questions about campsites, contact a board member. Remember, there are families wanting campsites. If you intend to keep your campsite, plan to occupy it with a camper, trailer, or motor home on or before this date. If there are problems meeting this requirement, make sure you contact a board member to work out an alternate plan. Remember that all trailers and other vehicles need to be removed from the Big Horn Ranch at the end of the camping year.

RESTROOMS

The septic tanks have recently been cleaned out. During this process, a significant number of wet wipes were found in the pipes and tanks. Pine Ridge had to be closed for a week due to a blockage in the women's side drainpipe caused by wipes. We remind everyone: **please do not flush wet wipes**—even those labeled “flushable.” Garbage cans are provided in the restrooms, or you may dispose of them at your camp. Improper disposal leads to costly equipment rentals and maintenance to keep the bathrooms operational and clean.

Your cooperation helps preserve our facilities and resources. Thanks to your attention in this matter.

SHOOTING RANGE'S

The Board of Directors voted to ban steel bullets and shot at the ranch. These bullets cause sparks and are responsible for many fires throughout the area. When using the range, remember to clean up your trash and pick up your spent brass. **If you bring it in, please take it out.** Keep the ranch clean so everyone can enjoy it. Please, for safety reasons, **DO NOT** shoot shotguns or rifles into the pistol target backstop. There is no shooting of firearms or archery tackle in the camp circle. This applies to all weapons, including BB and pellet guns. There is an archery shooting range east of the work trailers, enjoy.

FIRE PIT VIOLATIONS

Due to the high temps and lack of water, we continue to follow state and county mandates for fire regulations. The board may consider at any time banning open burning, even in approved fire pits. Please be careful with campfires.