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QUAIL AND UPLAND GAME ALLIANCE

South Central Chapter

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Barnhill, Illinois

QUGA PLANNING FOR 2025

With a successful 2024 season behind them, the club is planning to make the 2025 year even better.

The highlights for 2024 were raising over \$12,000 through gun raffles, and members donating lease money from out of state deer hunters.

Funds were used to provide access money to landowners for fescue conversion to prairie grass and providing seeds for pollinator plots. Funds also provided \$500 grants to high school shooting clubs that lived in our chapter.

The chapter was also very instrumental in establishing the High hill Hunting Club which allows members, seniors, and youth the thrill of bird hunting. Guides and dogs are provided by the QUGA by request at no expense to the participants. This season there were 73 visits to the preserve, with 390 quail, and 50 chuckers being harvested.

The planning committee met on January 31 to discuss, plan, and implement activities for this year.

The following activities for this year are:

1. The South Central Chapter of QUGA will host its annual meeting for all members on Saturday, March 29th at 9:00 at the Fairfield Gun Club.
2. Sponsoring a guided Quail Hunt for five area school shooting clubs; with QUGA providing birds, dogs, ammo, and refreshments for the students.
3. Being a Sponsor to support the Outdoors Expo by offering a door prize of a quail hunt for two people at the High Hill Hunting Club.
4. Work in correlation with the Local FSA offices and the Illinois QUGA to provide assistance for any land owner wanting to convert fescue to prairie grass or pollinator friendly programs or wanting to put existing acreage into suitable habitat for wildlife.
5. Work with the Whitetail Connection to provide out of state deer hunters additional wildlife activities while visiting the area.