

Michigan Bow Hunters

NEWS



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Successful Bob-cat Hunt

The annual bob-cat hunt at Onaway was better than ever, despite the fact the weatherman did not cooperate. The report on Wednesday before the weekend hunt was ten to twelve inches of snow on the level but the rains came on Thursday and it rained all night and all day Friday. Saturday was very cold and no snow, and hard for the local guides to find a cat track. A light snow Saturday night provided tracking snow and the dogs were put on a fresh track. Jack Davis of Gladwin was the lucky hunter and shot a nice cat to take home as a trophy.

Each year the annual bob-cat hunt has been getting better and better. The local guides who by the way are all bow hunters, have worked very hard to make the hunt a success & this year had the cooperation of the local chamber of commerce and local merchants. On Saturday night they provided the hunters with a good hearty buffet supper at the Metrople Hotel and hunters just put in the pot a donation of what ever amount they wished. After dinner twenty-five prizes that had been donated by local merchants and Flint Archery Sales of Flint were given away to the lucky ticket holders.

Liz Gall reports that the Onaway bob-cat guides had a little get-together during the past month to view the results of some of the movie film the MBH members from Gladwin took while on the MBH cat hunts over the past few years. They have a **very good** collection of cat pictures—of the animals taken, plus just enough viewing of hunters, dogs, and guides to make the viewing interesting. The movie evening wound up with a whoopin' big lunch topped off with home-made ice cream.

Editor's note:—We hope the Gladwin MBH members will show the film at next years cat-hunt.



Don Schram, Forest Park, Ill. with his 421 pound male bear taken in Iron County.

Awards Banquet, May 1st

Ramada Inn located at 3425 Holland Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan, will be the scene of the annual MBH Awards, Banquet and meeting. The Inn is located off I-75 Highway on M-46.

The Board of Governors will meet at 1:00 P.M. for their annual board meeting. The evening will begin with cocktail hour from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. with a family style dinner following (all you can eat). The dinner will include baked ham, roast beef and fried chicken. Drinks will be available at the bar on a ticket basis at .50 a drink. For those needing overnight lodging, requests should be sent direct to Ramada Inn at the above address.

Send ticket requests to John Kruschinski 2021 Bay City Road,, Midland, Michigan. Tickets are \$5.00 each and all reservations must be received by John by Monday, April 26, 1965.

After the family style dinner awards will be given to our more fortunate members who were successful

this past hunting season, in bagging a deer or bear in Michigan. To date it looks like Don Schramm of Forest Park, Illinois bagged the largest bear, a real trophy specimen 421 pound black male taken in Iron County, September 12, during the special bear season. Thomas Hayner has turned in a weight slip for the largest deer kill, a 174 pound doe taken in Cheboygan County November 3rd. Tom lives in Litchfield, Michigan.

We are very fortunate in having Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bear as our special guests again this year. Fred will show his African Safari bow hunting movie "Mozambique". Fred's hunting movies are of a superior quality as most of you know and a real pleasure to view. Dance music will be provided by a four piece band from 9:30 to 1:30 for those who wish to complete the evening with dancing. **Remember get your tickets reservations in by April 26th.**

Legislation

We are trying now to get some favorable bow hunting legislation bills introduced, and will report as soon as they are confirmed.

Correct Address Please?

Mail to the following has been returned for incorrect address. If anyone can give us correct addresses we will correct our files.

Douglas Pearson, Windsor, Ontario, Canada; Floyd Walters, Elkhart, Ind.; Norman Ulch, Allegan, Michigan; Len Davis, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Wallace Fiesler, Maywood, Ill.; Howard Loper, Van Nuys, Calif.; Frank Sackrider, Belevue, Mich.

District 7 To Hold Carp Shoot

Vicksburg Bowmen in co-operation with MBH District 7 will hold a two day Carp Shoot, May 15 and 16, in St. Joseph County on the St. Joe River. The shoot will begin Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. and continue until 12:00 noon on Sunday. If you don't care to fish all of these hours you can come and go as you wish.

Headquarters will be at the fishing site which is located two and a half miles south east of Three Rivers on River Road. Signs will be up to help direct you.

Plenty of camping and trailer space is available for overnight camping. Vicksburg Bowmen are handling the food and there will be complete meals as well as sandwiches and snacks so there is no need to bring food. Prices will be reasonable.

Be sure and bring your light for night shooting and your boat.

Prizes will be awarded on the Lewis system. Bring your MBH card with you as there will be an extra registration fee for non-members.

Many of our prize winning carp in past mail carp contests have come from these waters so be sure to come if you can. If you get a big one be sure and enter it in our "Mail Carp Contest". Even if it wins a prize in this shoot you can still enter it in the contest. The fellows in this district are going to a lot of work to make this shoot a success so be sure to come. You do not have to live in this district to participate. Everyone welcome.

Out Of Our Mail Bag

Mary Waggoner of Detroit sent us a note about her bow hunting trip this past season with husband Clarence and we thought you'd get the chuckle out of it that we did.

Seems as though Clarence always does some small game hunting during the bow season, but this year the only time he saw a squirrel was when in

1964 Deer and Bear Statistics

Earl Taylor, Governor of District 6

So often we are asked by bow hunters and prospective bow hunters, for deer and bear hunting statistics, that I feel it would be of extreme interest to members to list a few, gathered from the big game award applications of our successful hunters from the past 1964 hunting season.

Three black bear kills were reported. Don Schram of Forest Park, Illinois, had the largest, verified by an authentic weight slip. His 421 pound male bruin taken in Iron County on September 12, 1964 was hit at a distance of 12 feet with a 70 pound bow. Robert Mull, of Brookfield, Illinois, took a 280 pound male bear in Iron County on September 6, 1964. His was hit at a distance of nine yards and with a 60 pound bow. The third, a 225 pound male was taken by John DeWar of Deerfield, Illinois in Iron County on September 12, 1964. It was his at a

his deer blind and a deer was close. On the last day of their trip he decided to leave his bow in camp and take his shot gun and sit in a blind where he had seen some nice big squirrels. (He hadn't seen a deer from this particular blind.) Lo and behold here he sits with his shot gun, and out walks the nicest buck with a beautiful rack. The buck never knew he was there and came within forty feet of him. He would have had all the time in the world to have made a perfect shot **if he had had his bow and arrow along.** Mary and Clarence went back to Detroit empty handed but said they really had a good laugh out of the experience and feel this is part of the pleasure of bow hunting.

Loring Clipfell and Darwin Buckhold of Three Rivers had a successful wild boar hunt with bow and arrow at an Indiana game preserve. One boar weighed 110 pounds and the other 80 pounds. Clipfell had an unforgettable experience with his boar, that by the way had four inch tusks. His shot did not kill the savage beast instantly and put Clipfell up a tree before dropping dead.

distance of 6 feet and a 60 pound bow was used.

All three bear were hit in the chest and rib section. On one kill the arrow pierced both the heart and lungs and on the other two, lungs were pierced. On two, arrow penetration was complete and on the other, twenty inches of penetration was achieved.

Members reported a total of 187 deer kills. This was a hunter success ratio of slightly less than 9% of the membership. Tom Hayner of Litchfield reported the largest deer, a 174 pound doe taken in Cheboygan County.

The average distance of each hit was 25.24 yards. The average weight of bows used by hunters was 46.7 lbs. The three most popular bow weights used were 50, 47 and 45 pounds respectfully.

The success ratio was heavier in Gladwin County with 19 kills. Clare, and Calhoun counties had 11 each, Iron, Kalamazoo and Alpena Counties, 9 each, Presque Isle, Lake and Alcona 8 each. The balance covered a wide range of counties in both the Upper and Lower Peninsulas and ranged from one to six each.

We haven't heard yet how the MBH hunter success ratio compares with the Michigan Department of Conservation figures on their basis of bow hunting licenses sold, but in past years MBH members were usually well in the lead, percentage-wise. It is possible we may be able to have some kind of a statewide report later in the year.

WIDE-OPEN FISHING AT U.P. POND

LANSING—A quirk of nature and the alert eyes of Conservation Department fisheries biologists have resulted in the opening of Hermansville Mill Pond, Menominee County, to unlimited hook and line fishing for the balance of 1965.

Acting upon a field report that the pond faces a threat of heavy winter-kill, Conservation Director Ralph A. MacMullan this week signed a special order which permits anglers to take fish of any kind, size and number from the Upper Peninsula water during any time this year.

MBH Membership Contest

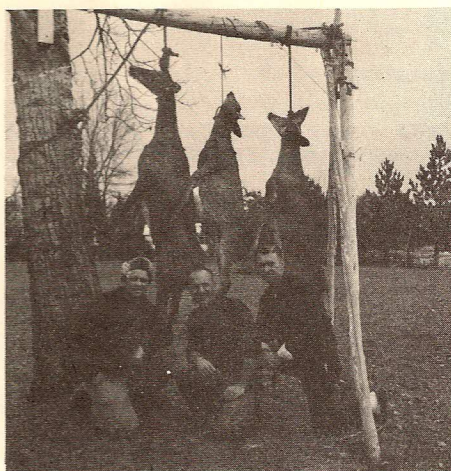
The Michigan Bow Hunters membership contest is in full swing and members are doing a fine job of sending in new and renewal memberships.

The contest continues thru July 31st and many fine prizes are available to contestants. Rules are elsewhere in this bulletin. Remember a new individual membership counts one point and a family membership counts two points. On renewals, three renewals, whether they be individual or family memberships count one point.

At this writing, Bob Winans leads in the contest with nine new members sent in. Luther Tracy, and Frank Bush-re have five each. Jack Davis has five new members and four renewals for a total of six and 1/3 points.

As of March 1, 1965 we had a total of 2174 members. Actually our true membership count is more than this figure as in taking the count we count individual memberships one and family memberships as two. We do not count the additional members on a family card.

As most of you are well aware, the main object of Michigan Bow Hunters is favorable legislation for bow hunters. The more members we have, the stronger our voice. Each member of



Three Michigan Deer at Witch Lake. Left to right, Don Schram; John Krubec and Norm Merz.

the MBH dues his part in helping to get more favorable legislation for the bow hunter with his membership fee. True, your board of Governors try to give members a well rounded program of hunts, carp shoots, etc., but legislation is first and foremost on the program. You can do even more than your part by signing up at least one new member in the organization. In signing up members be sure the name and address is correct and give us his zip code number. We also need the county each member lives in to determine his district.

"USE ZIP CODE ON MEMBERSHIPS AND MAIL"

Use the application blank below to renew your membership or sign up a friend. Mark "CONTEST" if you want to enter the membership contest.

MICHIGAN BOW HUNTERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BLANK

Name _____		Address _____	
City _____	State _____	County _____	Zip Code _____
New _____ Renewal _____			
Have You Had A Previous MBH Big Game Award? _____			
MAIL TO— Michigan Bow Hunters		Individual\$3.00 yr.	
P.O. Box 4			
Flint, Michigan, 48501		Family\$5.00 yr.	
Family membership includes man, wife, and children under 17			

MBH Mail Carp Contest

In cluded in this bulletin is a blank for you to use to enter the "Mail Carp Contest". If you need more blanks drop a line to the MBH secretary, P.O. Box 4, Flint, Michigan, 48501, or to the carp contest Chairman, Deuaine Lake, Route 2, Box 844, Buchanan, Mich., 49107.

The contest blanks list all of the rules plus a complete rundown of cash prizes for both men and women plus trophies for junior participants, so there is no need to list them here.

There was quite a bit of discussion at our annual board meeting of discontinuing the mail carp contest due to the lack of participation in the event in previous years. However, the Board of Governors voted at their December meeting to try it one more year, and if participation didn't improve to a great extent, this would be the last year for it.

We know that many of our members are interested in the contest but feel if they don't get an unusually big carp, that it isn't worth the bother to send it in. This is no so, as every entry received has a chance at winning one of the seven cash "DOOR PRIZES" listed plus one of the eight cash prizes for the mens and womens division.

REMEMBER THE DATES:—April 1 to August 15, 1965. All entries must be received by the contest chairman, postmarked no later than August 16th.

ATTENTION DEALERS AND MANUFACTURERS

If you want advertising in the annual Deer Silhouette Shoot Program, contact Earl Foerster, 506 S. Walnut, Howell, Michigan, zip code 48843.

16TH ANNUAL

MICHIGAN BOW HUNTERS

DEER SILHOUETTE SHOOT

September 25 & 26

At Livingston County Sportsmen Club, Brighton & Howell

District 6 Sucker Shoot

Tuscola County Sportsmen Club with with the co-operation of MBH, District 6, will hold the annual sucker shoot. The dates, Saturday evening, April 24 until 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

Headquarters will be at the Sportsmen Clubhouse in Caro. To get to the clubhouse take M-24 south of Caro to Gun Club Road, then east to first drive. South to Conservation Clubhouse. Signs will be up, so watch for them.

Coffee and sandwiches will be available at the clubhouse. A charge of \$1.00 per shooter will be charged to help defray expenses. Bring your MBH card. Special prizes for MBH members. Guides will be available to show you where to go. **Everyone welcome.**

Last year well over 100 members

participated in this event. The suckers didn't cooperate too well but everyone had a good time. Seems as though the wind was in the wrong direction and the suckers could't get up into the dredge ditches to spawn. Let's hope we get the fish to co-operate a little better this year.

Bring a gasoline lantern for light. Your waders or hip boots, a gunny sack for the fish and of course a change of dry clothing in case you fall in and get wet. April evenings can be pretty cool.

A SUCCESSFUL BOWMAN (JR.)

Jack B. White Jr., of Riverdale, Michigan, better known to fellow bowmen by the name of "Rip" was successful in the 1964 bow hunting season, bagging a 10 point buck on October 15th in Gratiot County.

Rip has set something of a record as a Jr. Bowhunter. In 1961 at the age of six and hunting with his father, he bagged a nice buck deer.

1962 was an unsuccessful year for Rip, but he scored again in 1963 and 1964, and both bucks.

We think if we asked Rip what he liked to do most, he'd reply, "hunt with the bow and arrow". Fellow hunters have told us he takes his hunting very seriously and even in camp you usually can find Rip practicing on a silhouette target.

Jack White Sr., an avid bow hunter and tournament shooter in his own right and is to be congratulated for taking the time and patience to teach his son to shoot the bow and hunt. Congratulations! To you too, Rip.

NOTICE:—

Please Send Your Comments On This New Issue Of M.B.H. Newsletter To:

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