

Michigan Bow Hunters

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V.P.'s Message

Now that the archery season has closed in Zones 1 and 2 many of us will be hunting in Zone 3 in the extended season.

Some of you are probably wondering about Sunday hunting in areas where Sunday hunting is closed. Listed below are areas that are open to bow and arrow hunting at all times although hunting is closed to firearms:

OAKLAND COUNTY -

Avon Township, Bloomfield Township, West Bloomfield Township, Southfield Township and Waterford Township. (State owned lands are open to gun hunting in Waterford Township.)

MACOMB COUNTY

Clinton Township, Harrison Township (both south of the Clinton River) and Sterling Township.

WAYNE COUNTY

Dearborn Township, Ecorse Township, Wankin Township, Northville Township, Redford Township and Taylor Township.

The following areas are open to Sunday Hunting with the bow and arrow although it is closed to firearms or dogs:

Branch, Hillsdale, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe and St. Clair Counties.

If you are not sure that Sunday hunting is permitted in the area you wish to hunt in, you had better check with your local Conservation Officer.

It looks like this extended season will see many bow hunters stalking after their whitetails with some snow on the ground.

I am interested in hearing comments on hunting from tree blinds? Please send your letters to Douglas

Bartrem, 203 West Weiland Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906.

Congratulations are in order for Andy Ammann who not only bagged his deer this year but also got a turkey with his bow and arrow.

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'Nockin' Round The North

by Liz Gall

Our north country is wrapped in it's winter coat and the hounds daily coax to be released to chase the bob-cat, coyote or fox. Even silent ol' "Scrapper" opens up and complains loud and long of his "shackles".

The Onaway Bob-cat guides took their usual yearly trip to the U.P. in September with the whole pack of dogs to chase the black bear. They had some chases and brought home one bear plus ALL the dogs—a very unusual thing, as they nearly always have to make a return trip up there to collect at least one dog who never returned from the chase at the expected time and place.

The men haven't given the dogs the experience of the coon-chase this year, being reluctant to do so after two of the dogs contacted "coon fever" last year and the veterinary bills soared. This fever is an infection resulting from the wild animal bite and it causes paralysis. The doctors don't really know how to combat it so can only try different things. Some dogs never make it, so I guess we were lucky—as our little female "Belle" who was paralyzed in her front legs, is as full of zip as ever, and her father, Nervin Rogers dog "Mac", paralyzed in both

front and hind quarters, also pulled through with no ill effects.

The MBH annual Bob-Cat Hunt is scheduled for January 6th and 7th in the Onaway area. Headquarters for the hunt will be the Metropole Hotel. Registration will be at 7:00 A.M. each day and take off for the hunt is 8:00 A.M. Cost for the two day hunt is only \$1.00 plus your up-to-date MBH membership card. This small fee goes to the guides for their hours spent training dogs, the cost of keeping hounds, plus the mens knowledge of the country and the ways of the bob-cat. The conscientious scouting of these men has resulted in seven out of eight successful hunts in this area. An eight inch snow-fall on Friday afternoon and evening last year kept the bob-cats in their dens and resulted in the first hunt that someone didn't take a cat home.

On Saturday evening, a small fee will get the bowhunter a plate for the buffet-supper at the Metropole Hotel. The guides wives prepare and serve the meal.

There is a new slant to the hunt this year -- the snow buggies promise to be a big assist in getting the hunters "back-in" from the road for the hunt. If you are the lucky owner of one, bring it along. However, DO NOT ASSUME that you won't be needing snow-shoes also -- bring them along just in case!

To repeat if you wish to make reservations write to Jack Cannon, Metropole Hotel, or to Lyons Motel or Carolee Motel, all at Onaway, Mich. 49765. You can also write the Tower Hotel at Tower or Hewitt Gall, R. 1, Onaway and the phone number is 733-6843 and the area code is 517.

Long range weather report says as much rain as snow this month--oh well, whether it's white or not for you, "Have a Very Merry Christmas" and I hope to see you at the cat-hunt.

