

# Michigan Bow Hunters

## NEWS



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### M.B.H. Pheasant Hunt Successful

by Rex Holbrook, District 9 Governor

In spite of a four inch snow on Saturday, it turned out a beautiful day for the Bowhunters Pheasant Hunt at the Fairweather Preserve out of Fenton on Sunday, December 11th. The fresh snow made tracking easy and although the air was crisp it was a beautiful day to be out hunting. Thirty-two hunters participated in the event but it was felt the number was held down somewhat by the hazardous driving warnings that came in on the weather broadcasts all day Saturday and Sunday.

The hunt began at noon but hunters drifting in earlier enjoyed Mrs. Fairweathers hot coffee, chili and sandwiches.

The group of hunters was divided into two groups and birds were released so all had shootings. Contrary to previous occasions no birds were taken at this stage of the hunt. The birds scattered over the preserve and principally into heavy cover. The bowhunters broke up into small groups and happy shouts could be heard around the preserve when hunters got a bird. More often than not hunters missed clean with a shot at a bird and their shouts were calling attention to other hunters that a bird was entering their area.

As is usual in hunting, amusing events always occur. John Jones made a successful hit on a nice rooster but the falling bird landed in a big oak tree twenty-five feet up. The writers son, Bruce, came to the

rescue at this point, climbed the tree and dislodged the bird which John kindly gave to him.

Later in the afternoon hunters began to drift back to the farm house for more of Mrs. Fairweathers hot coffee and chili and to discuss the afternoon hunt and tabulate the birds taken. A summary of the afternoon revealed that sixteen birds were released and sixteen birds taken. We had no way of knowing if these birds were the same released earlier in the day as more birds are released each month than are taken by hunters. Hunting Preserves operate under strict rules set up by the Conservation Department. Each bird taken is tagged with a metal seal on the leg and the preserve must keep accurate accounts of the birds taken, hunters name and license number. These records are turned into the

Department periodically.

Successful bow hunters were Jerry Hall with 2 birds, Skip Collins with 1, Dick Hasty 2, Dale Putman 2, Charles Ballam 1, Warren Weber 1, John Jones 3, Bill Tierney 1, Tony Bell 2, and Tom Garris 1. Bob Winans and Dave Buesching each bagged a bunny.

All of the hunters agreed they  
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### VP's MESSAGE

This months message may seem irrelevant, but if You'll read on and think for a moment you'll see how pertinent it is.

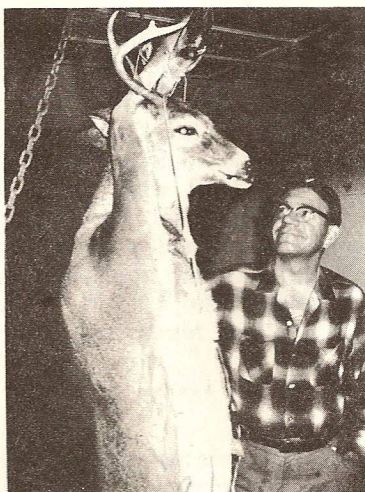
In talking to bowhunters one usually asks:— "How is Hunting?" The hunters I've talked to recently have had many tales to tell.—Isn't this also a good time to tell them about the Michigan Bow Hunters?

More bow hunting licenses are sold each year, this means our association should be growing.

How can we sell the Michigan Bow Hunters? I start off by saying "are you interested in longer and better hunting conditions and seasons?" To make this possible your participation in the Michigan Bow Hunters is essential.

All the Officers, Governors and County Representatives are dedicated to make the M.B.H. active and alert. We need your cooperation to help build up our membership. LET'S ALL GIVE that little extra effort to secure members in 1967.

Douglas L. Bartrem  
Vice-President



Carl Benninger, DeWitt, Michigan & his eight point, 171 pound buck taken in Gladwin county, November 5, 1966, 10:30 A.M.

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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



Dr. E. D. Garris and his eight point, 183 pound buck taken October 7, 1966 in Missaukee county.

## IT'S TIME TO TAKE A STAND

The indiscriminate use of the bow and arrow has too long been a thorn in organized archery's side and with archery's rapid growth. We are sure to be faced with more and more of these things. There is no way we can possibly control the use of the Bow and Arrow outside of our own organizations but the adverse publicity our sport gets from these misdeeds committed by persons using the tools of our sport, tells us it is time we take a stand.

The recent slaying of tame deer at a Macomb County Amusement Park has prompted action from organized archery throughout the State of Michigan. A reward fund totalling \$500.00 to date has been offered by Archery Clubs, Michigan Bow Hunters and Michigan Archers Associations for information leading to the capture and conviction of person or persons guilty of this act.

The seriousness of this offense and its detriment to the sport of harchery has prompted a united front from all archery organizations in the state. The outcome being a "MICHIGAN ARCHERS AND BOWHUNTERS FUND". The purpose of the fund will be to help police the use of the bow and arrow by offering rewards for information leading to the conviction of anyone using the bow and arrow to commit needless crimes, as in the slaying of the tame deer in the Macomb County Amusement Park.

Once it becomes public knowledge that there will be standing rewards for such offenses, we think the would be offenders will think twice before committing these acts. The fund will be managed jointly by representatives from the Michigan Bow Hunters and the Michigan Archers Association. Let's get behind this fund and protect our sport.

Persons, clubs and associations wishing to contribute to this fund may do so by sending a check to "Michigan Archers and Bow Hunters Fund", 25932 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48127.

### FUND COMMITTEE

Robert Nicoll  
Levi Johnson  
Earl Foerster  
Douglas Bartrem

Help us make this fund public knowledge---notify your paper, radio station, T V station, etc., of this fund and your participation in it. Thank you.

# MICHIGAN BOW HUNTERS 1967 MEMBERSHIP CONTEST--JAN. 1, thru July 31

## RULES:

1. Any member may participate except Officers and Governors.
2. County Representatives may participate as contestants.
3. Delinquent memberships in 1966 count as a new membership.
4. Three (3) renewal memberships equal (1) new membership.
5. Family memberships count as two (2) on NEW MEMBERS ONLY.
6. The Secretary will keep count on all memberships turned in by contestants. BE SURE AND MARK "CONTEST" ON ALL ENTRIES.
7. YOU CAN use application below or facsimile, or turn in names on a list, but be sure you have all information as on application.
8. Memberships to count in contest must be postmarked no later than July 31, 1967.
9. Only one prize to each contestant. You can not win a bow for 40 memberships or over and also for the most.
10. Send all entries to Mary Taylor, P.O. Box 4, Flint, Mich 48501.
11. BE SURE name, address, zip code & county is correct on entries.

## MEMBERSHIP CONTEST PRIZE LIST

### MEMBERSHIPS SOLD

### PRIZE

1.	M.B.H. Windshield Decal
2.	M.B.H. Embroidered Emblem
4.	Hunting Arm Guard (3 elastic straps)
6.	Individual M.B.H. membership
9.	1 dozen Lightning Four Broadheads
12.	Family M.B.H. membership
16.	Bear Bow Quiver (tape on)
20.	Bear Bow Quiver (snap on)
25.	Bear Karri-Arrow Case (S-800)
30.	1 dozen Easton 24-SRTX Aluminum Arrows (target points or broadhead adapters)
40 or over	Bear Kodiak Bow
Most	Bear Kodiak Magnum Bow (must be over 39---if under 40, aluminum arrows will be given.

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P. O. BOX 4  
FLINT 1, MICHIGAN-48501

Year	LICENSES SOLD			DEER KILLED			STATE HUNTER	
	Resident	Non-Resident	Total	Region I	Region II	Region III	Total	Success
1937	184	2	186		4		4	2.1
1938	227	0	227		8		8	3.5
1939	494	5	499				6	1.2
1940	571	6	577				10	1.7
1941	1,009	37	1,046		14	8	22	2.1
1942	679	80	759		12	10	22	2.9
1943	695	86	781				34	4.4
1944	1,076	143	1,219				37	3.0
1945	1,805	205	2,010		42	26	68	3.4
1946	4,024	429	4,453		110	58	168	3.8
1947	7,680	488	8,168	29	304	53	386	4.7
1948	9,012	579	9,591	38	450	95	583	6.1
1949	11,937	668	12,605	56	680	142	878	7.0
1950	14,934	819	15,753	126	1,447	75	1,648	10.5
1951	19,475	1,120	20,595	230	1,309	82	1,621	7.9
1952	27,518	1,804	29,322	160	1,630	50	1,840	6.3
1953	28,823	2,443	31,266	260	1,520	40	1,820	5.8
1954	30,516	2,946	33,462	510	1,280	20	1,810	5.4
1955	34,365	3,558	37,923	550	1,660	100	2,310	6.1
1956	37,815	4,541	42,356	500	1,840	80	2,420	5.8
1957	33,206	3,905	37,111	400	1,320	40	1,760	4.8
1958	35,500	3,606	39,106	600	1,890	80	2,570	6.7
1959	36,668	4,010	40,678	490	1,110	240	1,840	4.6
1960	32,679	3,777	36,456	250	915	65	1,230	3.5
1961	29,440	3,298	32,738	500	1,270	210	1,980	6.2
1962	31,042	3,047	34,089	320	1,160	160	1,640	4.9
1963	37,275	3,505	40,780	360	1,440	340	2,140	5.4
1964	42,071	3,777	45,848	660	1,700	440	2,800	6.3
1965			52,200	430	1,430	310	2,170	4.3

**HEY  
DON'T  
FORGET**

**DEADLINE FOR  
BIG GAME  
AWARD  
APPLICATIONS  
IS**

**January 15, 1967**

Extra Application Blanks  
May Be Had By Dropping  
A Post Card To

MARY TAYLOR, P.O. BOX 4  
FLINT, MICHIGAN—48501