

# Michigan Bow Hunters

## NEWS



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### VP's MESSAGE

Starting in next months issue we are going to publish a series of articles on, "What the Michigan Bow Hunters Can Do For You" and "What You Can Do For The Michigan Bow Hunters". It is hoped this series of articles will be of interest to old as well as new members. Let's hope that these articles will bring back our thoughts as to why we joined the Michigan Bow Hunters.

At the spring board meeting the Officers and Governors agreed to try and work out some kind of program for small game hunting awards with the bow and arrow. More and more of our members are using the bow in the hunting of small game. Rex Holbrook, Governor of District 9, agreed to chair a committee to work out some type of small game award such as an emblem, and also to come up with an appropriate application blank and a set of rules. At this writing work is well underway and it is hoped we can report more on this program in near future issues.

At this writing, Senate Bill No. 372 is still in the House Conservation Committee. If we get any news on this bill before June issue is mailed to members we will include a flyer on it. The Michigan Bow Hunters Officers and Board are very grateful to all of our members who took the time to contact their Senator and Representative on this bill.

Douglas Bartrem  
Vice-President

### 'NOCKIN' 'ROUND THE NORTH

by Liz Gall

Bowmen from Petoskey, Gladwin, and Onaway got together the last Saturday evening in April on the banks of the Pigeon River, in that area designated as spearing and bowfishing waters. Had a roaring big campfire, wiener roast and supper and went after the suckers. Some bowmen used the same method for shooting fish as the fellas using a spear—they lined up four or five abreast across the stream advancing upstream with lantern and bow. Others found a good open shooting spot on the banks of the river, positioned a lantern on the ground in a spot to give them the best light, and "chiseled" away as the fish came upstream past them. Everyone got shooting and most connected at least once—total take a couple of bur-lap bags full of fish and a heap of fun!

These bowmen are all members of a small group known as the Northern Bowhunters. **Most** of them are also MBH members. We hope to make it complete before the summer shooting season ends.

The Northern Bowhunters have set up a schedule of shoots designed to help the bowhunter keep in shape for the bow and arrow deer season. Type of targets used, distances and numbers of same will be decided entirely by the host club—with safety and interest the important factors. Two shoots were held in May with much success. The other dates scheduled are:

June 18—Jordan Valley Archers  
July 9—Host club decided later  
July 30—Host club decided later  
August 20—Onaway Bowhunters  
September 10—Petoskey Bowmen

The last two will be silhouette shoots for certain.

Deer and little creatures made sure that few of the mural mushrooms went to waste last month—in fact us people had to get there early in the day to get any. More and more deer are sighted as spring advances and trees and shrubs leaf out. All seem to be in good shape as fawns are born.

It might interest some of you stick and string hunters to know that those who **FIRST** used the bow in this beautiful country of ours still prize eagle feathers for ceremonial status. The Red Lake Band of the Chippewa Tribe has reserved 400,000 acres in north-central Minnesota as a Bald Eagle Sanctuary. The Chippewa Reservation lands are on an eagle migration route. The eagle, our "National Bird" is on the rare species list and anyone privileged enough to see one of these great birds in flight should consider themselves lucky indeed. Some Indian tribes have a standing order with the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife for feathers of eagles that die in the sanctuary. Donation of the feathers is permissible when they are used only for ceremonial purposes as these are.

From every corner of our north country come reports of park wreckers, litter violations and vandals. This brings to mind some of the camp sites we have seen during bow sea-

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son. MOST of these are left clean and tidy—but **not all of them**. It's impossible for the Conservation Department law officers to police all this area. Since we bowmen have a good record for clean camps, seems to me like it would be a good idea to keep it that way. It's all up to every one of US!

## 1966 DEER AND BEAR HUNTING STATISTICS

by Earl Taylor, Governor District 6

Michigan Bow Hunters members reported slightly more than a 10% success during the 1966 deer and bear season which shows a hunter success increase of a little more than 1% over the 1965 and 1964 bow and arrow hunting season.

Only three bear were taken in 1966 against six in 1965 and three during the 1964 season. The largest bruin taken was a 295 pound male taken in Marquette County with a fifty pound bow and at eighteen yards. The second largest, a 187 ½ pound female was taken in Chippewa County with a 47 pound bow and at a distance of twenty-three yards. The third bear was a 160 pound female taken in Schoolcraft County with a fifty-nine pound bow at a distance of forty yards.

A total of 157 deer were taken, seventy-four doe and eighty-three bucks against 166 in 1965 and 187 in 1964. Presque Isle county topped other counties with 10 successful hunters, Gladwin County was second with nine and Oscoda, Alcona & Charlevoit with eight each. Clare and Iron had seven each and Roscommon, Montmorency, Crawford, Lake and Alpena following with six each. Dickenson was all alone with five and Missaukee, Saginaw & Chippewa with four each. Other counties had three or less to make up the total.

Of the eighty-three bucks taken, twenty-two were 125 pounds or over with the largest being 190 pounds followed by 183, 182, 171, 170, 169½, 166, 165, & 150 pounds respectfully, making a total of nine bucks weighing in at 150 pounds or over. Five of the seventy-four does taken were 130 pounds or over, the largest being 148 pounds.

Averaging out the weight of all bows used and reported on the big game ap-

plications turned in averaged out at 46.9 pounds. A run down on the most popular bow weights used is as follows:—twenty-six used fifty pound bows; twenty-three used forty-five pounders and ten had fifty-pound pull. The next three most popular bow weights used were nine each of forty-seven and forty-eight pound pull and eight using forty pound bows.

The average distance for each successful shot was 23.9 yards, slightly less distance than last year which was 25.4 yards.

It is a few months until the opening of the bow and arrow hunting season for deer but in the meantime the bowhunters don't have to keep their hunting bows in the closet. Get it out and look up a place to shoot carp which can provide you with a great many pleasant hours in the fresh air. Be sure and enter the **Michigan Bow Hunters Carp Contest**. Deucaine Lake is chairman of the carp contest and if you don't have contest blanks drop a line to him at Route 2, Box 844, Buchanan 49107 or to the MBH Secretary. Either one will provide you with official entry blanks and you can try for some of the cash prizes.



## MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Would you believe that two members have already earned a new bow by signing up new members and renewals in the MBH. Bill Logg of Muskegon has signed up 43 new and 3 renewals for a total of 44 to lead in the contest and G. L. Gifford of Davidson has a total of 41 new

members. Several more are still working on the contest and sending in memberships daily.

You still have time to enter the contest which ends July 31st if you have not already done so. If you lack contest blanks or information about the contest and the many prizes you can win, just drop a line to the secretary. A contest blank was included in the January issue of MBH News but perhaps you were not a member then and are unaware of the contest.

The Michigan Bow Hunters need new members as well as renewals and you can do your part to help by entering the contest and at the same time win a merchandise prize for your efforts.

## SILHOUETTE SHOOT PROGRAM ADVERTISING

Anyone wishing an ad in the 18th Annual Deer Silhouette Shoot Program can get complete information by dropping a card or note to Jake Wark, 1805 Daley Drive, Reese, Michigan 48757. Rates are reasonable and it is sent to all members as well as being placed in archery shops around the state for free distribution.

Anyone wishing to donate a merchandise prize for this annual event may send it to Rex Holbrook, 1650 Avondale, Ann Arbor Michigan 48103. All prize donors having a prize in before August 1st will have their names listed in the program in the prize donors list. All prizes will be on display during the two day event with the donors name attached.

The dates of this years annual event is September 23rd and 24th and the Tuscola County Archers just west of Caro is the host club.



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# 18 ANNUAL DEER SILHOUETTE SHOOT

SEPTEMBER 23-24, 1967

at Tuscola County Archers - Caro, Mich.

## Mail Carp Contest

Deuaine Lake, Governor of District 7 and chairman of the "Mail Carp Contest" announces that applications for the contest have been coming in well in spite of the cold, wet spring. If you haven't entered the contest yet, you still have time. If you lack contest blanks, drop a card to the Secretary or to Deuaine Lake, Route 2, Box 844, Buchanan, Michigan-49107, requesting the number you need. The contest ends, August 15th and applications must be postmarked no later than midnight August 16th to be eligible for awards.

Deuaine also tells us that he had nothing but bad news to report on the District 7 Carp Shoot held May 6 and 7 at Three Rivers. The weather was anything but ideal for carp shooting being cold and very high winds, but very little rain. Undoubtedly the weather kept many carp shooters home as only 45 registered for the two day event. Only 500 pounds of carp were taken. Jim Pokorny won with a 25 pounder. Top two man team shot 181 pounds and the team consisted of Henry Burggraaf and Fred Buttery. Prize for the largest rough fish other than carp went to Berwin Henson with a 9 pound red horse. Top junior was Ted Lake with a 16 pound carp and Ken Statler came in second with a 10 pounder.

## RECORD TURNOUT AT STATE FOREST CAMPGROUNDS IN 1966

The Conservation Department re-show 136 of these campgrounds in northern Michigan had their busiest season on record in 1966 and their unprecedented popularity routed an estimated \$1.9 million into local cash registers.

Year-end totals for last season show 136 of these campgrounds managed by the Department registered nearly 569,00 camper days, a dramatic 25 percent increase over 1965. In addition to this, non-campers accounted for about 139,000 days of use at the forest sites.

Translating this use into direct receipts of local communities, the

Department arrived at a figure of nearly \$2 million, based on the estimate that campers and non-campers spent \$2.00 and \$1.50 per day, respectively.

The largest increase in state forest campground use took place in the northern lower peninsula. Campgrounds in that region drew 471,000 days of camper use and 111,000 other day visitors. This figure was up 27 percent from the year before.

Of the northern lower peninsulas 80 reporting campgrounds, those in Houghton Lake State Forest (Roscommon and Missaukee counties) attracted the largest number of recreationists. Campgrounds in Au Sable State Forest of Crawford and Kalkaska counties placed a close second in total use.

Campground use rose 15 percent to 97,500 camper days at Upper Peninsula State Forest sites. That regions 56 record keeping campgrounds also hosted more than 28,000 non-campers. Its most popular campgrounds were those located in Lake Superior State Forest in Chippewa and Luce counties.

## Advertising

At the annual board meeting the board decided to carry a limited amount of advertising in their monthly issue of "Michigan Bow Hunters News" to help defray a portion of the expense of the publication. Ads will be 1/15th of a page in size and will cost \$7.00 per month or \$5.00 per month for a run of six or twelve

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Use the application blank below to renew your membership or sign up a friend.

### 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





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

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## Advertising

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consecutive months. Your check to cover advertising must be included with your copy as we do not have facilities or office help to handle charge accounts.

If you are interested in getting your product introduced to our members, this is your opportunity. Perhaps hunting lodges and dealers will also be interested.

Send your check and copy to President, Earl Foerster, 506 S. Walnut, Howell, Michigan 48843 by the first of the month for it to appear in the next months issue. Make checks payable to Michigan Bow Hunters.

**THIS CAN BE  
YOUR AD**

**READ ABOVE ARTICLE**

## The SALMON REPORT

The Conservation Department reports that the first confirmed catch of a coho salmon in Lake Huron's Saginaw Bay was made this week in a commercial fisherman's trap net. The female fish measured nearly 18 inches and weighed about two pounds.

Fishery Officials from four Great Lake states, including Michigan have called a halt to all COMMERCIAL FISHING for trout and salmon in Lake Michigan and tentatively agreed to establish a permit system for limiting use of large-mesh gill nets covering the waters.

The measures are aimed at alleviating an "alarming" commercial take of trout and salmon in Lake Michigan which has come to a head in recent weeks.

The closure on commercial fishing for trout and salmon is already in effect for Michigan and Wisconsin operators and Indiana took action a few weeks ago to impose the same shutdown in its waters. Illinois a-

greed this week to follow suit.

The committee recommends to restrict by permits commercial gill nets with a stretched measure of over 2 3/4 inches in Lake Michigan. The recommendation is still subject to further consideration by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission at its June 20-22 meeting in Madison, Wisconsin. Final authority on the proposed restriction rests with the four states governing conservation bodies.

The Michigan fish chief expressed fear at their Grand Rapids meeting that the current rate of removal seriously threatens to undercut the entire effort to rehabilitate the Great Lakes fishery. Fishery Chief Tody reflects we simply have too much at stake in our restorative program to let the commercial fishery go uncontrolled. Our all out efforts to rebuild Great Lakes fish populations is barely begun and we can't afford the heavy drain-off of these planted stocks by gill-netting operations.

The Lake Michigan committee reached no formal decision this week on restricting small-mesh gill nets of commercial fisherman, but will be watching the situation closely to see what happens. If things go as far as they have with the large-mesh nets, we'll have to put tighter controls on the smaller ones.