

Michigan Bow Hunters

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WHAT MBH DOES FOR YOU

Have you won your attractive Michigan Bow Hunters Big Game Award Pin? If so, do you wear it on your suit coat lapel with pride?

The award pin is gold with a black enamel deer in the center and it is the same shape as our emblem. The pin is won when you get your first deer or bear. A diamond is placed in this pin for the second, third and fourth deer, or if you are extremely lucky and get a bear, you would get a ruby insert. For the fifth thru the nineteenth award you receive a leather sleeve emblem denoting the number of awards. For the twentieth award you receive a pin like your first gold one, only in silver along with a handsome achievement certificate suitable for framing.

Two trophies are awarded each year, one for the largest deer and one for the largest bear. The "Leonard Smalstis Memorial Trophy" for the largest deer is a large travelling trophy that you get to keep for one year. You also get a smaller trophy that you keep permanently. The above trophy has a little bit of history in that it was donated along with a permanent trophy each year by Dr. Richard F. Heldt of Detroit in memory of his brother-in-law who was lost on a fishing trip in Canada quite a few years ago. Since Leonard was such an ardent bow hunter and member of Michigan Bow Hunters, Dr. Heldt felt this trophy would be a fitting memorial to him and it was accepted by the Michigan Bow Hunters. The largest bear trophy is a replica of a bear and is given by the organization to the member getting the largest bear each year.

When trying to sign up your hunting buddy you should show him your award pin and tell how he can also get one.

In the near future the Michigan Bow Hunters will be giving a small game award. Present plans call for a shoulder patch that can be worn on your sleeve. The board is working on this small game award at present and members will be informed by way of the MBH NEWS when plans are completed.

These awards are part of your membership in the Michigan Bow Hunters and should be enjoyed by you.

Douglas Bartrem
Vice-President

MBH 18th ANNUAL SILHOUETTE SHOOT

Everything is ready and waiting for the annual deer silhouette shoot. It probably isn't necessary to tell you again that Tuscola County Archers range just west of Caro is the place and the dates are Saturday and Sunday September 23 and 24, as this has been published in past months issues of "MBH NEWS."

Rex Holbrook is in charge of prizes and reports he has received a good number from dealers and tackle makers and has promises of more to come. Besides the merchandise prizes there will be merchandise door prizes and beautiful deer trophies for the top finishers in men, women and junior divisions both free style and bare-bow.

Shooting time will begin Saturday morning at 8:00 A.M. and continue through the day as well as on Sunday

from 8:00 A.M. till 2:00 P.M. You can shoot as you come. If you can't come on Saturday be sure and get there Sunday morning bright and early.

There is a free hot dog roast on tap for 5:00 P.M. Saturday evening with free hot dogs, buns and trimmings furnished by MBH. Don't forget the dance to live orchestra on Saturday evening and you can bring your own refreshments. The "Silhouette Program" should be in the mail the first week in September and this lists the full program of events as well as shooting rules.

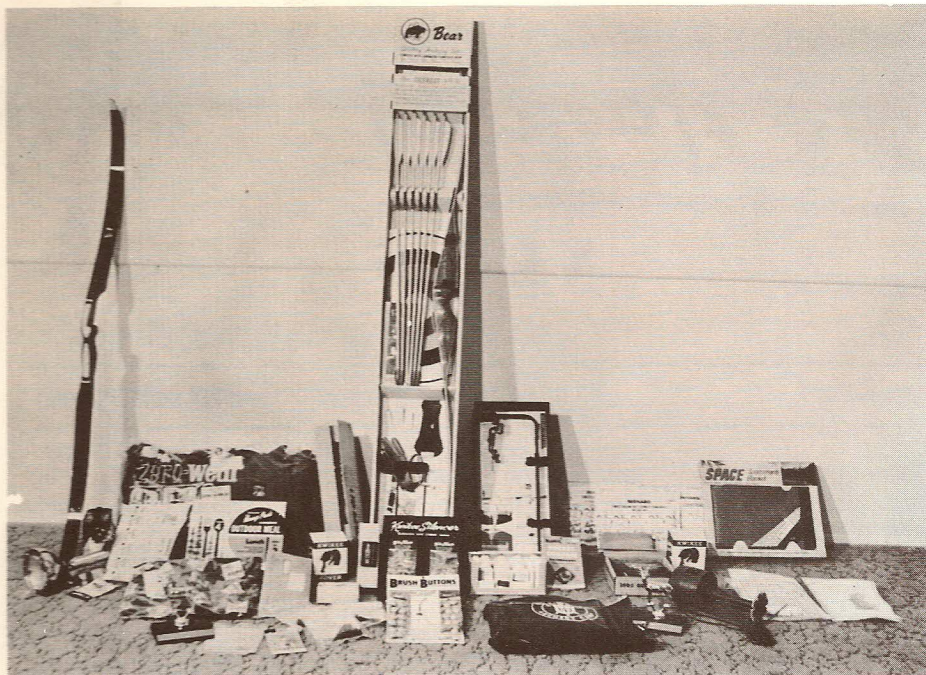
Prizes will be awarded as soon after 4:00 P.M. on Sunday as is possible. You don't have to stay to collect your prize because if someone from near isn't on hand to take it to you it will be mailed out to you.

If you haven't had a chance to shoot your hunting tackle in preparation for the actual hunt this is probably your last chance. It is really surprising to note each year when the big game applications come in that a great many are from those members who took part in this silhouette shoot. We often wonder if this isn't because these members practiced with their hunting tackle before taking to the woods for the actual hunt.

Tuscola County Archers will also have a small game round you can shoot to help fill up your time.

There is plenty of camping and trailer space so pack up the wife and kids and camping equipment and come for the week end. If you are interested in reserving a motel just contact Jake Wark, 1805 Daley Dr., Reese, Michigan 48757.

Don't forget the dates and we'll see you at Caro.



A few of the many merchandise prizes that will be given away at the 18TH ANNUAL DEER SILHOUETTE SHOOT at Tuscola County Archers Range on September 23th and 24th, 1967.

VP's MESSAGE

I have received a few letters regarding the extended hunting season in Zone 3 and some ideas for next year.

Some members have asked why we can't have an extended season in Zones 1 and 2 also. The main reason is the large amount of snow in mid and late December causing the deer to yard. Probably the only way an extended season would be approved in Zone 1 and 2 would be if the Conservation Department would have the authority to close the season when they saw fit in case of deep snow. You will recall that in Zone 1 (upper peninsula) the gun hunters get snowed in quite often during the last part of the gun season.

Others have suggested opening the season earlier to get away from the opening of grouse season. Some thought ought to be given to the earlier opening and also about the warm weather in late September. Would we lose deer due to spoilage?

Tree Stands have also been suggested and I feel this is a very good idea. At present, many states allow free hunting. This one will be considered by the Board of Governors and Legislative Committee in 1968.

Hope I have answered some of the questions put to me in letters. Let's have more comments. Send them to Douglas Bartrem, 203 West Weiland Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906.

'NOCKIN' 'ROUND THE NORTH

by Liz Gall

Morning are very cool and wet now and there is no doubt that our fall weather has arrived--and frost is not far behind. The bunch up here have

retired their field arrows for the season and have the hunting tackle out for trail. The Goldenrod is out and the acorns are looking full and heavy. Most places we've looked while scout-in' around have a good supply of this much loved animal food.

Deer are being seen frequently and in numbers in the Grand Lake area of Alpena county, Millersburg in Presque Isle county and some in the Rush Lake area of Montmorency county. A lot of the land in the Grand Lake and Millersburg areas is private club lands but there are state lands near. There is quite a lot of open land in the Rush Lake area. Some say that they have been seeing a lot of game around the Clear Lake plains in Montmorency county and we heard reports that deer sightings around Grayling and Roscommon are great.

There have been reports of Michigan's only poisonous snake, the massasauga rattler, showing up in our north country. Conservation men say that fewer forest fires have built up the population. This rattler is poisonous (continued on page 3 - column 1)

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ous but, they say not deadly. He keeps mostly to the swamp lands and marshy places though he does frequent high ground in the summer to feed on grasshoppers. We have had a great number of grasshoppers this year. Just to be on the safe side, it would be wise to use caution in stalking and watching for deer--or when just sitting on the ground.

The very best of luck to you on the BIG HUNT.

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Bowhunting Season Extended

The bowhunters can enjoy an extended bowhunting season this fall in the southern half of the lower peninsula which is designated as Zone 3. You can hunt in this designated area from October 1st through December 31st except it will be closed during the firearm season from November 18 through December 3rd. The reason remains the same as before in Zones 1 and 2 which is the upper half of the lower peninsula and the entire upper peninsula, October 1 through November 5th.

If you are not sure of the boundaries of Zone 3 you will find a map in the "Game Law Digest" that you will receive when you purchase your license. This map has the three zones marked off in heavy black lines. If you're still not sure of boundary lines after studying this map, check with the local conservation officer in the area you wish to hunt.

Bear hunting will not be allowed

and cub bears will be protected in the Lower Peninsula again this fall the Upper Peninsula as a result of legislative action. Special bear seasons run September 1-15 and October 1-November 5 in the Upper Peninsula only. Deer hunters may also take adult bear during the regular firearm deer season in the U.P. only.

EARL'S ARCHERY

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EQUIPMENT

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Camouflage is Wonderful -- But This Is Ridiculous

by Liz Gall

The dictionary defines the word camouflage as disguise; deception; give a false appearance to in order to conceal. During World War II they made a type of clothing called camouflage and the men shortened the word to camo. Duck hunters and bow hunters wasted no time making use of these very adaptable garments and some wouldn't be caught in the woods without them. Many even use the head veil though it limits the visibility of the wearer somewhat. I have found you can do very well without the veil if you keep your movements to a minimum, both in scope and number and darken your face so it doesn't stick out like a lamp-post.

I'm not **sure** what this disguise is supposed to make you look like but I believe I have been mistaken for a small tree, a bush, grass, a hole and a nest by the birds and animals and have been just plain over-looked as a nothing in the background by people in cars and afoot.

Once a noisy blue jay almost landed on my shoulder but at the last moment flew off with a terrified squawk. A cheery little chick-a-dee did land on the bill of my cap and looked the situation over from an upside down peek over the edge.

As I leaned against a tree one

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afternoon a red squirrel really got mad and scolded for an hour when I moved to prevent his stashin' a chunk of mushroom behind my ear.

Another time as I sat in a deer blind built around a big ol' stump, a little chipmunk 'bout dashed his brains out as he ran up onto my lap and tried to enter a hole in the stump I was sitting in front of. I sat there flabbergasted as he backed off and made a second try. I believe he'd have tried a third time but about then I found my voice and exclaimed "Aw, come on now!". At which he simply stopped and looked. The little critter had a mouth full of nuts and was bound he was going to store them somewhere. I finally moved over a little, revealing the hole in the stump, while that little one watched. He marched right past me, deposited the load of nuts and returned to look me over. He made two more trips before dark, each time ignoring me as though I wasn't there. Now I ask you, how can a hunter keep his mind on deer with that goin' on right under his nose.

I recall one very disturbing incident that happened on a foggy morning. Fog was really thick--you could see your hand in front of your face and that's about all. The woods were wet and it was so deathly still it made you think the animals could hear your breath. I sat very quiet, rollin' my eyes now and then tryin' to see through the soup. A little shuffling noise caught my attention but
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CAMOUFLAGE IS WONDERFUL

I ignored it as it didn't sound like deer. Soon the noise was quite close, just out in front of me in fact. Curiosity was getting the best of me and I was about to move so I could see what was makin' it, when the creature came in sight. In fact he has right at my feet. My eyes 'bout popped out of my head and I was scared speechless. Whew, was I glad when that little

black and white animal decided that I was nothing and walked on by, leaving no evidence behind to prove that he had been there.

There have been other happenings with little creatures such as mice and shrew---and once a deer almost ran over me but that was before camo--and quite another story.

In the northern Lower Peneinsula, archery scored a kill of 1,250 deer as four percent of them filled their licenses. Their year before total was 1,430 animals.

DEER-TURKEY PERMIT APPLICATION

Hunters can get antlerless deer permits and turkey permit application blanks from local license dealers and they should have them by early Sept.

In applying for both antlerless deer and wild turkey permits, hunters first must buy appropriate 1967 hunting licenses.

Special forms are provided for antlerless deer permit applications which bear each hunters pre-marked license number. Applicants for wild turkey permits must, among other things, write in their small game license numbers and submit them on regular U.S. Government post cards.

Archers Kill Less Deer in 1966

Only one out of 26 bowhunters took their deer in Michigan in 1966 with the bow and arrow. Final results of the Conservation Departments annual report by survey cards show 50,000 bow hunters took 1,920 deer 250 less than in 1965 when one out of 23 was successful.

Bowhunters in the northern lower peninsula took most of the deer while upper peninsula hunters had the best individual success. U.P. hunters paced the state with an 8.9 per cent success, killing 300 deer.

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