

Michigan Bow Hunters

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WHAT MBH DOES FOR YOU

The Michigan Bow Hunters for the enjoyment of its members sponsors the following events every year:— Mail Carp Contest — Deer Silhouette Shoot and Bobcat Hunt. Besides this, various districts sponsor carp shoots, silhouette shoots and other hunts of interest to bow hunters. District 8, annually sponsors a "Bear Silhouette Shoot" at Marshall the last week end in August.

The "Mail Carp Contest" gives more than \$200.00 in cash prizes plus trophies for the juniors participating in this event. There are divisions for the men, women and juniors.

The "Annual Deer Silhouette Shoot" is for hunting tackle with life size deer targets. This shoot is held each year on the last full week end before the start of the deer season. Several thousand dollars in merchandise awards are distributed from top to bottom as well as trophies for bare bow and free style winners in mens, women and junior divisions. Merchandise is awarded on the Lewis System.

The MBH District 8 Annual Bear Silhouette Shoot is held the last full week end in August and many merchandise awards are awarded from the top to the bottom. These events give you opportunity to try out your hunting tackle before taking to the woods for the actual hunt as well as the opportunity to meet and compare notes with other bow hunters.

Your membership card also entitles you to participate in the annual Archers only bobcat hunt held each

winter in the Onaway area. Guides and trained hounds are furnished.

If you are not participating in these events you are missing a part of your membership. It takes a lot of man hours to hold and plan these activities and a large turnout helps to say thank you to the people who worked those many hours.

Let's all invite one of our friends to join the Michigan Bow Hunters and participate in the above activities. We are sure that both you and your friend will have an enjoyable day as we will with you and your new member.

Douglas Bartrem
Vice-President

'NOCKIN' 'ROUND THE NORTH

by Liz Gall

The continuous summer rains have kept everything clean and green. Brakes and grasses, most as high as your head MAY create a problem come October. Deer will be hard to spot with all that cover. WELL, maybe we'll have an early frost, winds, and more rain to "bash" 'em down before the BIG day. Right now, however, plants are lush and FULL of fruit -- so the deer and little creatures should have full tummies.

There have been several reports of black bear in our north country as well as the north, north country of the U.P. The most recent was a 200 pound bear in the Atlanta area of Montmorency county. Bear in the UP are being spotted in areas not before frequented by them. The township dumps up there and some in our area here have been enclosed

and the animals are seeking new trails to feeding spots.

So many bowhunters seek information as to location where the deer are concentrated. This is a very hard question to answer as where the deer are this month they are NOT as October rolls around. There are deer in most all of our state hunting lands up here where there is food for them. In areas that have been browsed over the deer have either moved out to other feeding grounds or have died of starvation. There are times they frequent the farm lands and wheat fields and other times when they stay close to water to avoid the heat of a dry spell or when the fawns are small. It has been our experience that most often the animals are feeding on huckleberry brush and fall mushrooms when the opening day rolls around. These mushrooms are those common to the jack-pine areas and will pop up very quickly after a rain. Later however they will stick pretty much to the oak ridges and feed on acorns. In those areas where there have been planned cuttings and timber activity you will find a number of deer sticking pretty close.

It might be a good idea to write the Chamber of Commerce of the town nearest the areas you think you would like to hunt and obtain county maps. These will give you a guide to state hunting lands and roads and trails in and around. When you come for the hunt you may wish to get a plat book of the county. Most of them are available at some Local merchant in the larger towns of the counties.

Have you looked at your hunting arrows lately? Need new feathers? Heads need replacing? NOW is the time to get it done. October 1st is just around the corner!

