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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.

