

Michigan Bow Hunters

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V.P.'s Message

The summer months are now upon us and it will not be long before the fall hunting season will be here. As you know the archery hunting season in Michigan has been extended statewide from October 1 to November 14 and then from December 1 to December 31, 1968.

It was a little disappointing that the bill for the raised platform failed to pass. I feel that Michigan must keep up with the other states and this is one thing that most every state has. I hope that the members will again support us in the next legislative session when we can again try for the raised platform.

Some things are coming up already that we will ask to be introduced in the next legislative session. If anyone has any ideas write them down and send them to me at 203 West Weiland Road, Lansing, Michigan 48096.

Let's not forget that the silhouette shoots will soon be coming up and this will afford every one of the opportunity to try out the new bow and arrows that we are buying to get that big buck with this fall. The Sixth Annual "Bear Silhouette Shoot" will be held August 24 and 25 in Marshall at the Wilder Creek Park Range and the Nineteenth Annual "Deer silhouette Shoot" will be held at Clear Lake just north of Atlanta on September 28 and 29. Mark your calendar and make plans now to attend these two shoots.

Douglas Bartrem
Vice-President
Michigan Bow Hunters

Boosting M. B. H. Memberships

The recent article by our vice president, Douglas Bartrem, on increasing our membership has resulted in some thoughts on this matter on my part. For one thing no one in District 9 has won the membership contest since I have been district governor. Now I am not saying I am only thinking of District 9, but it is the most populous district and should provide ample opportunity for several people to help expand Michigan Bow Hunters and to win an appropriate prize for their efforts. So come fellows, you have until September 30.

Further ideas on boosting membership would include staging an organized hunt. A person who has access to an area suitable for a rabbit hunt

would be of considerable interest to me and undoubtedly to some of the other governors. A pack of hounds and a suitable area for a bow and arrow fox hunt should interest many.

This is not limited only to individuals as clubs can help too. Hunting type shoots should attract new and old members. Michigan Bow Hunters will help you advertise the event but be sure and give us a couple of months advance notice to permit meeting the printing deadline. In my district if my time permits, I'll help you in these events.

I would especially like to have a representative for Macomb County in the eastern or northern part of the county. There is no one there now taking care of Michigan Bow Hunter memberships.

If you can help us send a letter to me, Rex Holbrook, 1650 Avondale, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103.

'Nockin' 'Round The North

by Liz Gall

July a'ready and summer half gone. After the early spring dry spell, things sorta settled down to weekly rains and early morning dew. Trees, grasses and wood plants became green and lush. Pasture lands boast a nice stand of "eatin' stuff" and the hay crop looks good. Deer can and do feed easily in these fields with fawns well hidden in near-by woods or bushy fence rows.

Fox and coyote dens are numerous and sightings of these animals more prevalent -- an indication that they are probably on the increase.

Berry blossoms escaped the frost and if the rains don't give out entirely in that hot time of August, the crop should be good.

All game and wildfowl plus the birds will be glad for the juicy goodness of berries. But there is one animal in particular that will be happy for more food. Old Bruin got a bit out of his territory recently in search of grub -- wandered into the city of Cheboygan and was treed by dogs near the court house. Really shook up a few of the residents for a time, till he was captured by the conservation department and taken back to the woods for release.

Partridge, in spite of fox, raccon and other predators seem to have hatched a good nesting. Ruffed grouse, partridge or pats as they are known in this country, are a scratching bird. Wintergreen and dogwood are some of their favorite foods. They live and nest on the ground in wooded hills and fields. The young are hatched in the spring and can run immediately and can fly within a week. The hen follows her brood as they search woods for food -- instead of leading them as domestic fowl do. Sexes look alike, do not flock and inhabit lowlands and openings of young hardwood throughout the northern two-thirds of the state. While hunting them in the U.P., special care must be used in identification. Spruce Grouse or fool hen can easily be mis-

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