

Michigan Bow Hunters

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SECOND LIVE MBH PHEASANT HUNT . . .

Rex Holbrook, Governor of District 9

So many of the MBH members who participated in the first live pheasant hunt at the Fairweather Farm Preserve in December expressed a desire to have another such hunt later in the winter will be happy to learn that arrangements have been made for Sunday, February 26th starting at 12 noon sharp.

The Fairweather Farm is located at 2191 Tinsman Road near the town of Fenton. To reach the farm, exit off U.S.-23 at Silver Lake Road and go into Fenton. In downtown Fenton, turn north across the railroad tracks and head in an easterly direction on the road to Holly. Fish Lake Road crosses the Fenton-Holly Road. Turn north on Fish Lake Road to Tinsman Road and then west to the Fairweather Farm. A 9x12 sign with MBH plus an arrow will be at Fish Lake and Tinsman Roads.

We are planning to have Bill Fairweather release some birds in the pines and hedge rows. Some birds will be released in front of the hunters although at the last hunt all birds were taken when they were hunted and not when the birds were released.

NOTE THESE FACTS AND RULES:—

1. You must be a Michigan Bow Hunter to participate. I will accept renewals or new memberships applications providing you send a check for \$3.00 for a single or \$5.00 for a family membership.

2. You **MUST** have a **small game license**. Your 1966 license is still legal. The preserve also sells

licenses if you don't have one.

3. You can carry only limited flight arrows, such as flu-flu's, long high spirals or heavily feathered arrows.

4. You must REGISTER IN ADVANCE and send me a check for the registration fee of \$6.25. This registration fee will release one bird per hunter. The checks must be made payable to Rex Holbrook so I can turn them over and sign them to Bill Fairweather. I can not sign over checks to the preserve made payable to MBH so please be sure and make ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO REX HOLBROOK.

5. You must be there prior to 12 noon the day of the hunt in order to sign the register of the preserve as required by law.

6. Any game you get must be tagged prior to leaving the preserve.

7. THE HUNT IS LIMITED TO SIXTY BOW HUNTERS. Registrations will be accepted on a first come first served basis so if you plan on attending BE SURE TO MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION FEE IN EARLY.

My address is:—Rex Holbrook, 1650 Avondale, Ann Arbor, Mich.-48103. My phone is Area Code:-313 and phone number 663-1078.

I will notify anyone sending in their registration fee with a letter postmarked prior to February 19th that they can not be accommodated if the SIXTY HUNTER QUOTA is already filled prior to their registration.

Mrs. Fairweather will again have hot coffee, sandwiches and soup available to fill your needs.

REMEMBER:—We don't want you to be disappointed if you are planning on attending the hunt so MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION FEE IN EARLY.

'NOCKIN' 'ROUND THE NORTH

By—Liz Gall

Finally it has happened!! We had a "dry run" at the MBH Annual Bobcat hunt at Onaway this year. Every year for the past eight years, Hewitt has worried about the weather conditions for the hunt and whether or not there would be any tracks to put the dogs on. When the snow started on Friday afternoon before the hunt it seemed like a good thing, but as the evening wore on and it didn't let up it was apparent that we were in for trouble. Bowmen travelling north ran into the heavy snow storm and blizzard near Bay City and some were as long as ten hours reaching Onaway.

The bob-cats—and other game as well—don't move about in a storm any more than necessary, nor do they move directly after a storm for two or three days, so there were no tracks to put the dogs on. Hunters and guides "dove" into swamps in cat habitat areas in an attempt to find signs of animals or jump one. No luck this time—the hunters just had a good hike out of it. We figured that about seventy folks took part in the hunt in one way or another—some folks just came along for the ride and the Saturday evening supper at the Metropole Hotel and not to participate in the hunt. Now we'll just plan and hope for better luck in '68, when the hunt will once more be the first week-end after New Years.

The Onaway folks were happy to hear from some of the hunters after their return home that the trip home was on dry pavement.

Time was when fresh marks in the snow banks along the roads of

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VP's MESSAGE

Plans are underway for the introduction of a bill in the 1967-68 Legislature to change the bow and arrow season as follows:

Zone 1 and 2—October 1 thru November 5 (this is the same as it is now). Zone 3—October 1 thru December 31 except that the season be closed during any season open to the taking of deer with fire-arms.

This bill will take lots of time and effort on the part of all bow hunters in the state if it is to be passed. As soon as the bill number is known a special notice will be sent out to members so each and every one can write his Representative and Senator. Be sure and write both your Senator and Representative, as the bill will be introduced in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Everyone should send his own letter and not a letter with many signatures on it. Individual letters do a great deal more good than a petition with many signatures. Let's all get behind this bill when it is introduced and push....You might also watch your daily sports pages in the newspaper for information regarding this bill as it comes out.

Also underway are plans for the Annual Michigan Bow Hunters Awards Banquet which will be held April 15, 1967 at the Ingham County Conservation League Clubhouse in Lansing. A fine dinner and dance is planned so let's all reserve the night of April 15th to be in Lansing. A night of fun and enjoyment will be had by all. More details on the dance and meal will be in next months newsletter. A details map showing how to get to the clubhouse is on page 3 of this issue.

Looking forward to seeing all of you April 15th.

Douglas Bartrem
Vice-President,
Michigan Bow Hunters

DO WE HAVE YOUR ZIP CODE?

We must have a zip code on all bulletins beginning this month. Will you check the address sticker on this bulletin and if no zip code is showing, will you please send four zip code in at once on a post card to the secretary at P.O. Box 4, Flint, Michigan-48501.

Michigan Conservation Department Seeks Law Changes

The Conservation Department is seeking boosts in fishing licenses & state park admission fees in the 1967 Legislature. The proposed fish-license increase would raise the annual fee for residents from \$2.00 to \$4.00 and from \$5.00 to \$6.00 for non-residents. They also propose a three-day fishing license for non-residents and residents alike which would cost \$3.00 and cover all waters and species of fish. The fishing license would be required for Great Lakes waters as well as for inland waters, but wives of resident licensed fisherman could fish free on their husbands licenses as they do at present.

Also included in the proposals would replace the present \$2.00 trout stamp with a \$3.00 trout and salmon permit which would be required in addition to a regular fishing license of all fishing for trout and salmon.

These proposed changes would raise an estimated \$1.4 million annually to help even up contributions to the departments work between hunters and fishermen to finance the expanded salmon introduction.

Increasing fishing license fees has been proposed by the department for a number of years, but never has been approved by the Legislature.

Hoping to raise an additional \$1.1 million in revenue for state park acquisition and development, the department will ask the Legislature to boost the annual state park vehicle entrance sticker fee from \$2.00 to \$5.00 and the daily sticker from .50 cents to \$1.00.

The department will also seek removal of the bounty on coyotes after finally being successful in removing the fox and bob-cat bounties two years ago.

After successfully holding an elk season in 1964 and 1965 there was no 1966 season due to the Legislature failure to renew the departments authority to establish such a season. The department will seek renewed authority to hold elk seasons as

long as the supply of animals continues large enough to support limited hunting by special license.

With widespread dissatisfaction of the law that opened the Upper Peninsula to early deer hunting and the opening of the seasons in both peninsulas on Saturday the department will seek to return to the traditional deer dates. This would open the firearm deer season throughout the state on November 15th and close it November 30th.

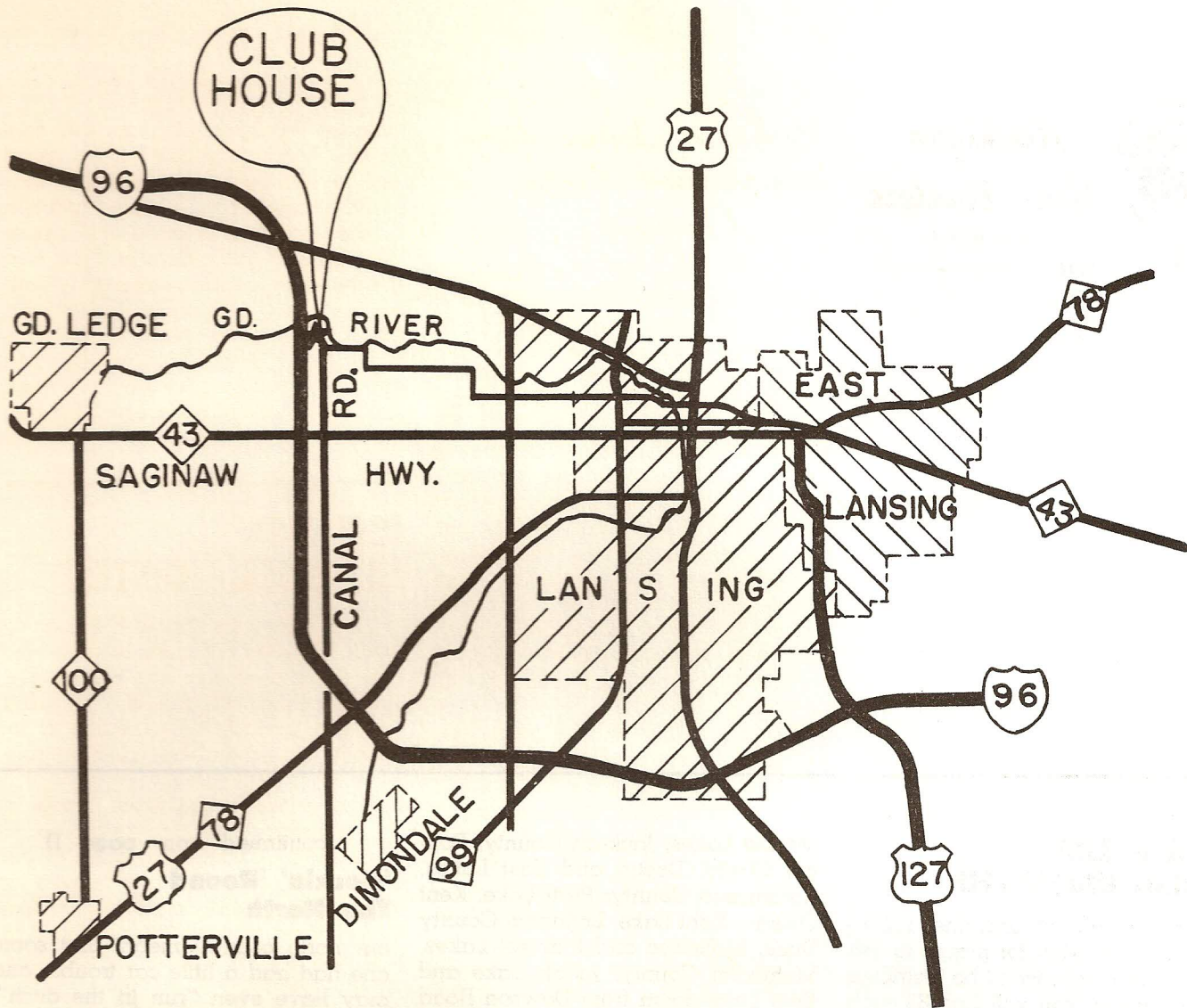
MBH 1967 MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

As material for the MBH February issue of the NEWS goes to press the membership contest has just begun, but members already are showing an interest and the secretary is receiving new memberships from contestants daily.

Many fine prizes were listed in the January issue for members to work for along with the rules of the contest. If you did not receive a copy of the rules and prize list just drop a card to the MBH secretary at P.O. Box 4, Flint, Michigan-48501 and a copy will be sent to you.

At the MBH Board meeting in December the membership contest was being discussed by the Board as a whole. When Bernie Goldsmith the present Governor of District 4 gave his remarks about last years contest we felt they were worth passing on to the membership. It seems as though when he received information on the 1966 membership contest that he read over the rules and prize list and thought to himself, "It shouldn't be too hard to sign up eight new members and receive the rechargeable flash light as a prize, so guess I'll give it a try". With this he went to work and signing up the eight new members proved to be so easy that he just kept on going and in a matter of weeks had signed up over 40 new members and was eligible for a 'Bear Kodiak Bow'. Bernie had put forth this effort prior to taking over as Governor of District 4 at the end of April and so was eligible for the prize. You will note

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Above is a map of the city of Lansing which directs you to the Ingham County Conservation League Clubhouse where the annual MBH banquet will be held on April 15th, 1967.

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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 in the rules that Officers and Governors are not eligible to compete. Why don't you take Bernies lead and pick a small goal of say six members for a prize of an individual membership for a start. Perhaps you too will see how easy it is once you have broken the ice and you also will go on to win a much better prize and at the same time give our membership a much needed boost forward.

Remember, the contest just runs from January 1st thru July 31st, so start now. Send the memberships in to the secretary as you sell them so new members will be put on the mailing list and receive their copy of the MBH NEWS and be able to participate in MBH events.

We will try and keep you posted in the next few months as to how some of the other contestants are doing. **WHY NOT GET STARTED ON THIS CONTEST NOW ! ! ! ! !**



Michigan Bow Hunters

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

HOOK & LINE FISHING UNLIMITED

If you are a hook and lines fisherman who is looking for places to fish where your action won't be restricted by any don'ts, you will find 33 such waters in Michigan this year, the Conservation Department reports.

The lakes and ponds are wide open all year long to the taking of fish of any kind, size and number by hook and line.

The Department's reason for lifting usual restrictions in these shallow, weed filled waters is to reduce waste by letting sportsmen harvest fish which otherwise probably would be lost to the whims of nature.

When oxygen levels drop too low in these problem lakes and ponds during the winter and warm-weather months, large numbers of fish could suffocate if their populations were not thinned by fishermen before trouble strikes.

The following waters are open to unlimited hook and line fishing throughout 1967:—

SOUTHERN LOWER PENINSULA

Advent Lake, Allegan County; Mud Lake, Calhoun County; Belas Lake, Cass County; Rose Lake, Clinton County; Batteese, Goose, Leeke, and

Merkle Lakes, Jackson County; Bonnie Castle, Dustin and East Lakes, Kalamazoo County; Pratt Lake, Kent County; Kent Lake, Livingston County; Duck, McBrides and Pickerel Lakes, Montcalm County; Judah Lake and Kent Lake down from Dawson Road Bridge to dam in Livingston County; Oakland County; Evans Lake, St. Joseph County; Becroft Lake, Tuscola County and Green and West Lakes and Winnewana Impoundment, Washtenaw County.

NORTHERN LOWER PENINSULA:

Lily Lake, Clare County; and Backus Creek Dam, Backus (Mud) Lake and Little Mud Lake Flooding, Roscommon County.

UPPER PENINSULA: Little Badwater Lake, Dickinson County; Strouble Lake, Mackinac County; and Hayward and North Lakes, Menominee County.

"Catch as catch can" is virtually the name of the game for fishing on Crystal Lake, Dickinson County and Sucker Lake, Gogebic County. These two waters, free of any size or catch limits, are open during the entire year to fishing with hook and line, hand or spring propelled spears **bows & arrows**, handy dip nets and landing nets, or simply by hand.

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'Nockin' 'Round The North

our north country meant that some one had had a little car trouble and may have even "run in the ditch". Since the arrival of the SNOW—BUGGIES on the scene this is no longer the case. In fact the meandering trails left by these mobilized skis are fast becoming a familiar sight as they wend their way in and out over our country side. People are beginning to wonder how this will effect our deer herd. Plane pilots over our area report that snowmobile tracks are much in evidence all through the wild areas and around deer herd swamps. There are reports of operators of some of these ski machines running down deer. This doesn't sound like it would be the true sportsmen committing these acts, but there is concern as to what effect this might have on the fawn crop. A pregnant doe needs every ounce of body fat to see her through till spring. What happens if she is chased and forced to burn up much of this needed energy? We wonder!!