

# Michigan Bow Hunters

## NEWS



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### VP's MESSAGE

President Earl Foerster and I wish to thank everyone for their vote of confidence in the past election. We will strive to make the Michigan Bow Hunters grow and with your help, we will make it grow.

This year has been quite an experience for me in working as Legislative Chairman. Senate Bill No. 372 has made good progress and looks like it should pass. I wish to thank everyone who took the time to write their senator and representative. Let's not forget to write a thank you letter to them for their support. Keep up the good work.

The banquet seemed to be a success and I hope everyone enjoyed the evening as much as I enjoyed working as banquet chairman.

Earl and I wish to congratulate all the new governors. You have a big challenge ahead of you. Let's do a good job for your fellow bowhunters.

In conclusion the following were elected to office by your mail ballots for a two year term. President, Earl Foerster of Howell; Vice-President Douglas Bartrem of Lansing; and Governors, Evald Nybeck for district 1; Roy Silvers, district 3; Leonard Packard, district 5; Deucaine Lake, district 7; Rex Holbrook, district 9 and Edwin Harvala, district 11.

Douglas Bartrem  
Vice-President

### 'NOCKIN' 'ROUND THE NORTH

by Liz Gall

The effect to wildlife by the snowmobile is a new problem in Michigan

this year to game biologists. A bill was introduced in the Michigan Legislature to license such machines to make identification possible where illegal acts occur. Running game, hunting it, or molesting any wildlife with a motorized vehicle is illegal—so you might know that there are those who will take advantage of these machines to aid them in breaking the law. They are expected to be a big help though to the trapper and it's for sure they are a wonderful thing for the bob-cat and coyote hunters and the ice-fishermen.

The spring thaw and break-up happened early enough to save some of our deer from the starvation that would have been their destiny in deep snow. Records of starvation are not yet complete but we do know that there was some, and reports of many more. Other reports—those from plup-wood cutters and coyote hunters—tell us that a goodly number of white-tails made it through the winter "fat and sassy". Many of these thrived with the aid of the food supply from planned cuttings to supplement their usual winter diet of cedar browse.

That small group of bowmen known as the Northern Bow Hunters met April 23rd near Petoskey at the home of their president, Hershell Dunshee. Clubs of Boyne City, East Jordan, Chebyogan, Petoskey and Onaway were represented. Results of a planned "Sucker Shoot" will be forthcoming. Also the dates and locations of a carp shoot and several other hunter-type shoots to be held through the summer season.

Archery and spear fishing season opened April 1st in designated streams of 65 lower peninsula counties. The taking of carp, sucker, red-

horse, mullet, dog-fish and garpike is legal in these waters through May 31st. A list of the designated waters is available from the Conservation Department in Lansing or its regional and district field headquarters. In all of this 60 day season we have found the last week in April and the first week of May to be the best for shooting suckers. We like to go in the evening by lantern light but there are times and places in our area where it is possible to have a "shoot-in' ball" in plumb daylight in the afternoon. Part of the reason we like the evening outing is the late fish supper prepared and eaten in between shooting runs over a white-mans fire. Man, those suckers make such lip smackin', finger-lickin' food that you can't resist more. Here's the way we fix 'em. Skin the fish, slab a big chunk of meat off each side slicing away from the big bones around the inwards, and you will find there is only one row of fine bones still in the fish. Cut down each side of this row and lift out the bones before you cut into eatin' chunks. Drag the clean fish through some pancake flour to which you have added a little salt, drop into a kettle of hot grease and watch it brown. In most cases you wont even need to turn. Be sure that you have a pot of coffee and, if you feel the need for something else, a few potato chips or buttered bread will complete this meal of finger food

Conservation Department forest fire and law enforcement offices are worried. People who live and work in this northern Michigan area are worried. Gone are the days of cut-over land returning to timber with brush and young trees predominating. Now we have big timber and

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## 'NOCKIN' ROUND THE NORTH

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slash from cuttings criss-crossed with highways and trails. Every summer hundreds of thousands of visitors roam these woods — many who carelessly toss out cigarette butts and matches. I'll bet there are few of this number who realize that, under the right weather conditions, fire could sweep from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron leaving death and destruction behind. Makes one shiver to think what complete devastation could result.

Each spring in our north country it is necessary to have a great big clean-up job — as the snow melts and all the old throw-aways and other litter stick out like a sore thumb. It not only doesn't look nice, many of the things thrown out could be harmful to wildlife — insecticides, paint pails, to name a couple.

It's now time to get outside and get those ol' shootin' muscles loosened up and the vision sharpened up.

## Michigan Bow Hunters 1966 BIG GAME AWARD

### LARGEST DEER

David Gilpin, Horton, Michigan  
190 pound 8 pt. buck

### LARGEST BEAR

Loren Willey, Concord, Michigan  
295 pound male bear

### Bear Awards

Alfred Lehmkuhl, Marshall  
187½ pound female - ruby  
Grover W. Smith, Ferndale,  
160 pound female - No. 16 emblem  
Loren Willey, Concord  
295 pound male - No. 15 emblem

### PINS (1st award)

Carl Anderson III, Niles, buck  
Richard W. Arnett, Belleville, doe  
John Bachar, Lombardo, Ill. doe  
Troy Ballard, Goodrich, buck  
Edward A. Brown, Six Lakes, doe  
David Bueshing, Livonia, doe  
Margaret Camburn, Adrian, doe  
Robert Curlee, St. Clair Shores, doe  
Frank DeBolle, Detroit, doe  
John DeBolle, Detroit, doe  
Terry Diment, Mt. Morris, doe  
Warren Drooger, Holland, doe  
Ron Erway, Bay City, doe

David Gilpin, Horton, buck  
Douglas Gray, Ann Arbor, buck  
Robert Gerber, Muskegon, buck  
George Harlan, Allegan, buck  
Donn Hinds, Saginaw, buck  
Robert Horn, Farmington, buck  
Steven Hutchinson, Flint, doe  
Joseph Kelso, Flint, buck  
Lenny Kemper, Whitmore Lake, doe  
Joan Koops, Farmington, buck  
Pam Krbec, Villa Park, Ill., doe  
Gary Leslie, S. Bend, Ind., doe  
Harold Leslie, Mishawaka, Ind, buck  
Al Lewis, Detroit, doe  
Frank Lewis, Michigan Center, doe  
June Linde, Detroit, doe  
William Logg, Muskegon, buck  
James R. McGarvey, Chicago, Ill.  
doe

Harry Mayer, Three Rivers, doe  
Ralph Metzler, Granger, Ind., buck  
Donald Meyer, St. Charles, buck  
Patrick Murphy, Trenton, buck  
James Myer, Troy, buck  
David Nesbitt, Midland, buck  
Bernard Norton, Taylor, doe  
Dale O'Brien, Columbiaville, doe  
Gerald Pierce, Manchester, doe  
Thomas Polando, Southgate, doe  
Clinton Putman, Dearborn Hts., buck  
Dale Putman, Dearborn Hts., doe  
Bruce Raymond, Coldwater, doe  
James A. Rose, Burt, buck  
George Ross, Clawson, doe  
Dorothy Rothgery, Elyria, Ohio, buck  
Julius Seitz, Muskegon, doe  
Walt Smith, Detroit, doe  
Richard Springer, Romulus, buck  
Jewel Stanley, Rogers City, buck  
Paul Stovall, Detroit, buck  
Chuck Turk, Niles, doe  
Charlotte Van Boven, Elyria, Ohio  
buck  
Warren Webber, Davison, buck  
Doretta Wecker, Ann Arbor, doe  
Walter Wilczewski, Northville, doe  
Edward Winekoff, Romulus, buck  
Bob Wolff, Ludington, doe

### FIRST DIAMOND

Jerry D. Anderson, Grand Ledge,  
buck  
Paul Barkel, Holland, doe  
Douglas Bartrem, Lansing, doe  
Karl Bell, Dexter, doe  
Clarence Bird, Battle Creek, buck  
Henry Burggraaf, Kalamazoo, doe  
Dick Caines, Marshall, doe  
James Cashin, Midland, buck  
Ray Cato, Kalamazoo, buck  
Garth Courtois, Royal Oak, buck  
William DeRocher, Marquette, buck  
Dr. E. D. Garris, Detroit, buck  
Alfred E. Graf, Ann Arbor, buck  
Robert Gray, Lansing, doe  
Donald Harrington, Buchanan, doe

Merrill Leatherman, Battle Creek  
doe  
Raymond McDowell, Howell, buck  
Roland Mantzke, Aurora, Ill., buck  
Kenneth Motyka, Ludington, buck  
W. R. R. Park, Midland, doe  
Harold Smith, Lansing, buck  
Lee Statler, Allegan, doe  
R. W. Strobaugh, Detroit, buck  
T. R. Sutton, Fenwick, doe  
LeRoy Warnock, Pontiac, buck  
Gary Wilson, Traverse City, doe  
Roger Wilson, Traverse City, buck  
Dennis Zeiss, Midland, buck  
Fred Zollner, Oscoda, buck

### SECOND DIAMOND

John R. Bouras, McHenry, Ill., doe  
Don Clark, Milford, doe  
Victor Doan, Adrain, doe  
Jim Doyle, Alpena, doe  
Delores Droomer, Midland, doe  
Quentin Hartman, Alpena, doe  
Robert Hea, Essexville, buck  
Forest Hills, Marshall, doe  
John Klima, Brookfield, Ill., doe  
John Krbec, Villa Park, Ill., doe  
Arthur Monnett, Batavia, Ill., buck  
Donald Patrick, Saginaw, buck  
Charles Porta, Iron Mountain, doe  
Donald Snyder, Fenton, buck  
Jack Tompson, Adrain, buck  
Wm. Unger, South Bend, Ind., buck  
Paul D. Yusko, Marquette, buck

### THIRD DIAMOND

Carl Benninger, DeWitt, buck  
Fred Carpenter, Monroe, doe  
Royce Groat, Kalamazoo, buck  
John Hauch, Stevensville, buck  
Marion Hoffman, Midland, doe  
Earl Myers, Fremont, doe  
Tony Peplinski, Detroit, buck (camp)  
John Perkins, Marshall, doe  
Robert Roxy, Mt. Clemons, buck  
Clair Ruth, Elkhart, Ind., buck  
Donald Schleede, Ann Arbor, doe  
Bob Simpson, Waterford, buck  
Pete Sisoy, Detroit, doe  
Stanley Swosinski, Flint, buck  
Lloyd Van Boven, Elyria Ohio, buck

### NO. 5 EMBLEM

Roger A. Burch, New Lothrop, buck  
Sherman Butler, Detroit, buck  
Gene Elston, Swartz Creek, buck  
Melvin Englehart, Pontiac, buck  
Tony Peplinski, Detroit, buck  
Leslie Perkins, Lake Orion, buck  
Hal Rothgery, Elyria, Ohio, buck

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**1966 BIG GAME AWARDS**  
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**NO. 6 EMBLEM**

Ron Chamberlain, Leslie, buck  
Micheal Perry, Royal Oak, buck  
Louis Sari, Battle Creek, doe  
Donald Slocum, Ann Arbor, doe  
Jim Snowdon, Iron Mountain, buck

**NO. 7 EMBLEM**

Dennis Castle, Adrain, doe  
Paul Jalon, Detroit, buck  
Barney Lastinger, Belleville doe  
Robert Mull, Lake Zurich, Ill., doe

**NO. 8 EMBLEM**

Hewitt, Gall, Onaway, doe  
Bruce Gilpin, Hanover, buck  
Deucaine Lake, Buchanan, buck  
Edward Swosinski, Flint, doe

**NO. 9 EMBLEM**

Russell Drod, Temperance, buck  
Malcolm Muszynski, River Rouge,  
buck

**NO. 10 EMBLEM**

Lynn Gibson, White Cloud, doe

**NO. 11 EMBLEM**

Wesley Blundell, Muskegon, buck  
Vern, Nelson, Cadillac, doe

**NO. 12 EMBLEM**

Richard Freeman, Midland, doe

**NO. 13 EMBLEM**

Harding G. Olsen, Crystal Falls, doe  
Floyd Romesberg, Midland, buck

**NO. 14 EMBLEM**

Floyd Romesburg, Midland, buck  
(camp)

**NO. 15 EMBLEM**

R. B. MacGregor, Detroit, doe  
Grover W. Smith, Ferndale, doe

**NO. 16 EMBLEM**

E. H. Smith Linwood, doe  
Loren Willey, Concord, buck

**NO. 19 EMBLEM**

Arthur Linde, Detroit, doe

**NO. 20 (Silver Pin and Certificate)**

Arthur Linde, Detroit, buck (camp)  
Avery Love, White Cloud, doe

**Honorable Mention NO. 22**

Donald Schram, Forest Park, Ill., doe

**DISTRICT 6  
SUCKER SHOOT**

In spite of slightly swollen streams and muddy waters, the annual sucker shoot sponsored jointly by the Michigan Bow Hunters and District 6 and Tuscola County Archers at Caro was deemed successful. Suckers were quite scarce this year and one fellow was heard to say the only suckers he saw were the ones driving cars. A few hunters ended up with wet feet due to leaky boots they had failed to check previous to the hunt and some even had car trouble, quite a few miles from home. Don and Glenna Warne of Flint and ardent bow fisherman, were stranded till morning in Sebewaing when the gas stations closed their doors for the night before they had filled their gas tank.

First place prize for the largest sucker went to Dave O'Connor with a two pound three ounce sucker and second place to Jim Rhoten with his 1 pound 13 ounce fish. Third was Lee Brooks with a sucker weighting in at one pound ten ounces. Eileen Priestleys seven ounce sucker took first place for the women. Winner of the smallest sucker award was Ken Richard with a five and a quarter-ounceer Robert McLeod had five suckers which was the most taken by one person and Robert Douglas of Eaton Rapids travelled the farthest to attend the event. As you can see no one took a very large sucker.

Bob Root of Bay City won the electric blanket, Jerry Adams of Cass City the Clock Radio and L. Martin

of Saginaw the Coleman lantern. A great many door prizes donated by archery manufacturers and local merchants too numerous to mention were also given away.

Eileen Priestley, Sec'y.  
Tuscola County Archers

**CLUB  
BOWHUNTING  
EVENTS**

Edmund Dalida of Detroit reports that "TWO BIG CARP SHOOTS" will be held at Pt. Mouillee (near Rockwood). On June 4, 1967, the Wayne County Sportsmen Club will sponsor one carp shoot and on June 11, 1967, Lincoln Bowmen will sponsor the other.

There will be prizes for the three largest carp, Gold, Gar and Dogfish. There will also be a grand prize of a twelve foot aluminum boat.

Registration will be from 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. Shooting fee is Adults \$2.00 and children under 16 years, \$1.00. For further information on either of these events, write, to: Edmund Dalida, 4601 51st St., Detroit, Michigan 48210.

**Editors Note:** When space permits MBH will be glad to announce hunts or hunting shoots for clubs around the state. When sending in news be sure it is complete.

Use the application blank below to renew your membership or sign up a friend.

**MICHIGAN BOW HUNTERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BLANK**

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Flint, Michigan, 48501		Family .....\$5.00 yr.		
Family membership includes man, wife, and children under 17				



## Michigan Bow Hunters

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### FIRST CLASS

## Deer Noises

Rex Holbrook, District 9 Governor

This subject will usually bring to mind a snort of varying degrees followed by the flash of white tails and the noise of running deer. It can be frustrating when it comes from a deer you didn't see while stalking another deer, especially if it happens just as you're ready to release the arrow.

The noises deer make are also beneficial to the hunter. The noise they make as they eat, move about or call to each other can alert you to their presence often before you see them. Have you ever seen a deer stand on its hind legs and maneuver an apple into its mouth? If the apple is crisp a deer can really make it "crack" when he bites on it. One of our hunting party had stayed up a bit late and as a result was dozing in his blind. A doe "cracked" an apple waking him suddenly. He reacted quickly, shot and missed. I know of another case in which a deer crunched an acorn, thus alerting a hunter to the fact deer were close behind him. He had been watching a deer quite far away but the "deer noise" drew his attention and he turned and shot his best buck. The eating noises apply to other deer foods also, so get acquainted with these and help your hunting.

Most important are the noises

made as deer move about. The crack of a twig, a stone crunching under a hoof or the click of an antler against a limb all are sounds deer make. There are similar sounds made by other forest dwellers. More than one hunter has been sure a deer was moving in on him only to find a red squirrel or partridge strolling his way. These walking noises are valuable and as you gain experience you learn to better identify them. There is an old saying "keep your ear to the ground" and I know a man who lays down in his blind to hear better. It should be a restful way to hunt but if you are going to hear moving deer you had better stay awake. Bucks make noises as they rub the velvet off their antlers. This is rarely heard but it should really raise your blood pressure if you are hunting.

A rare deer sound is the noise of bucks fighting. I've heard it twice & managed to get close enough once to see the battle. In the fight I saw, there was more noise caused by breaking sticks and limbs than antler noise. It seemed to be more of a shoving contest but occasionally one or the other would try to gore the other and the thrust would be stopped by the opponent's rack and clattering noise resulted. I tried to get nearer and the audience I hadn't seen snorted and the fight was over.

On several occasions I've heard deer making a noise which I would

say is a cough. I don't know, but presume, that they are subject to respiratory diseases. I have a friend who states he also saw a buck jerk his head and make a sound which to him was definitely a sneeze.

Deer also "call" to each other. The sound is much like the call of domestic sheep. I have read it is much more common between doe and fawn. Presumably this is to locate one another. I also heard of a case where a single deer ran into a wire fence and was evidently badly hurt. This deer "blatted" several times as it moved away.

There is another sound which I heard once. I've been told about it by others too. It's a bellowing or roaring sound that persists for several seconds and is repeated several times in a row. I believe it is made by an enraged animal as it somewhat reminded me of a domestic bull who was angry. On each occasion deer of both sexes have been observed dashing and milling around and appeared to be agitated. They were alert and ran off on the approach of the hunter only to repeat the process a hundred or so yards away. Have you heard it? Do you have any knowledge or theories about this one?

I don't presume to have told many of you much that you didn't already know. I hope I did get you to thinking and possibly to make better use of deer noises in the future.