

# Michigan Bow Hunters

## NEWS



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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!



## VP's MESSAGE

The summer is moving along rapidly and before you know it the fall months will be upon us with the 1967 hunting season.

Let's hope you are all planning on attending the bear and deer silhouette shoots. The first is the Bear Silhouette Shoot which will be held at Marshall on August 26th & 27th. This is an annual event that MBH District 8 puts on.

On Sunday September 10th Three Rivers will hold a combination Deer and Bear Silhouette Shoot. District 7 is in charge of this District Shoot.

Next will be the Eighteenth Annual Deer Silhouette Shoot which will be held this year at Caro on September 23 and 24.

These shoots are a part of your membership in the Michigan Bow Hunters and should be enjoyed by you. I will be looking forward to seeing you at some of these events.

If anyone has any ideas on legislation changes for next year that you would like to have the board consider, please send them to me at 203 W. Weiland Road, Lansing 48906.

## DISTRICT 7 Deer-Bear Silhouette Shoot

MUS—QUAH—TAS Archery Club is the host club and is near Three Rivers. September 10th is the date and shooting time will be from 9:00 am till 2:00 pm.

A pancake and sausage breakfast will be served from 7:00 am till 9:00 am and all you can eat, adult or child.

There will be many prizes for all classes, mens, womens and juniors, bare bow and free style. Top prize will be a "FIREBALL HUNTER" bow donated and manufactured by Dickie Roberts.

There will also be a NOVELTY ROUND to fill your day. A SMALL GAME ROUND and a RUNNING DEER too. The rules will be the same as the MBH ANNUAL SILHOUETTE SHOOT.

DIRECTIONS: Going to Three Rivers on 131, watch for signs about one

mile south of the M-60-131 junction. On M60 to Three Rivers take Roberts Road which is one mile west of M-60 131 junction. Signs will be out on all turns.

Governor of District 7

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## EARL'S ARCHERY

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EQUIPMENT

PHONE 546-0192

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## BEAR SILHOUETTE SHOOT

August 26 and 27 are the dates of the FIFTH ANNUAL BEAR SILHOUETTE SHOOT at Marshall. Shooting hours on Saturday will be from 12:00 Noon until 7:00 PM and on Sunday from 8:00 AM till 2:00 PM. This shoot is open to all MBH Members. Memberships will be available at the registration desk. Shooting fee is \$1.50.

Marshall Bowmen have their new (120x40) building finished & this WILL be available to dealers and manufacturers for displays.

Food WILL be available on the club grounds as well as camping space for those wishing to stay the week end. There is also excellent food and lodging facilities in the Marshall area for those not wishing to camp.

Please bring your broadheads for the bear shoot and target arrows for a really fun novelty shoot. There will be the usual LARGE amount of merchandise prizes. Don't miss this one. Bring the family and make this a really fine bowhunters week end to remember.

Directions: From I-94 go south on 27 to Hughes St. and turn east to first black top across the Kalamazoo River, follow the bear signs. From the south on 27 turn right (east) just past the golf course on to Hughes St. and continue following above directions.

## MBH District 4

Bill Logg of 1316 Marcoux, Muskegon, has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Bernie Goldsmith as Governor of District 4. We regret that Bernie was unable to complete his term of office due to illness. Bill has worked along with Bernie during this last year as a county representative.



Lee Statler of Allegan and 36½ pound carp entered in Michigan Bow Hunters Carp Contest.

## What Bow Hunting Means To Me

by Chuck Withers

It is hard to put this down on paper, because to me bow hunting is an inner feeling, and that feeling is a good feeling. Whether you are hunting rabbits, Pheasants, etc., or deer or bear, you're out in this great state of Michigan enjoying the beautiful scenery, great weather (sometimes) fresh air and sounds in the

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MICHIGAN BOW HUNTERS SPECIAL BULLETIN  
AUGUST, 1967

LEGISLATION

House Bill 2717 has been signed into law by the Governor after passing both the Senate and House of Representatives and takes immediate effect. This means that with the opening of the bow and arrow hunting season you can hunt deer with bow and arrow in Zone 2 and 2 from October 2 thru November 5th and in Zone 3 from October 1 thru December 31st except the season will be closed during the gun season. By purchasing a gun license and abiding by gun regulations you could still hunt during the gun season if you didn't already have a deer.

This extended season will allow bow hunters seventy-six (76) hunting days in Zone 3. Please remember that there is a great deal of state owned land in Zone 3 on which you can hunt but Zone 3 is also heavily populated and there is a great deal of private property. **YOU CAN NOT HUNT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE LANDOWNERS PERMISSION.**

In the Game Law Digest that you receive when you purchase your hunting license you will find a small map of Michigan that designates the three zones. If you are not sure of boundary lines please ask your local Conservation Officer for clarification.

Vice President Douglas Bertrem deserves a great deal of praise and a big thank you for his untiring efforts and many long hours of work in gettings these added hunting days for the bow hunters. I believe the best way to say thanks to Doug would be to sign up all your hunting partners in the Michigan Bow Hunters. It is these membership dollars that allows MBH to always strive to keep the good hunting legislation we already have and to keep looking ahead for better hunting conditions.

DISTRICT 9 SILHOUETTE SHOOT AT DETROIT ARCHERS

This notice was received after our August copy was sent to the printers so we will add it here. Governor Rex Holbrook is holding a district silhouette shoot at the Detroit Archers Range on Sunday, September 10th from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Everybody is welcome. In addition to the normal awards given by the Detroit Archers the MBH will award prizes on the basis of scores shot, to MBH members who register. Juniors will receive trophies.

There will also be a door prize drawing for an additional registration fee of .25¢. Anyone can take part in the drawing.

Detroit Archers range is located on Drake Road just north of Maple Road. Maple Road crosses Telegraph Road. Signs will be up on the corner of Maple and Drake Roads.

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17TH ANNUAL MBH DEER SILHOUETTE SHOOT AT CARO - SEPTEMBER 23 & 24TH



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## 18 ANNUAL DEER SILHOUETTE SHOOT

SEPTEMBER 23-24, 1967

at Tuscola County Archers - Caro, Mich.

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### WHAT BOW HUNTING MEANS TO ME

woods.

I usually go north hunting deer with a group of friends who have stuck together for more than ten years. We camp out in the woods on state land and do our own individual cooking as this lets everyone hunt or spend his leisure as he sees fit without bothering anyone else.

In deer hunting, some hunters are morning hunters. That is, they rise very early in the morning and are out at the crack of dawn. But try as I will, this is very difficult for me. I feel that this is part of my vacation so I spend it as such. I get up around eight in the morning and have a leisurely breakfast and grab my bow and head out for the wide open spaces. This is one of the enjoyable times I like in bow hunting, fresh air after a good nights sleep. Just wandering through the woods and openings, I am ever watchful for the wary and elusive deer. Oh, I have had shots this way but never real close or real good situation shots. But wandering through the woods listening to the birds and seeing the small animals scurrying to cover on my approach is a great feeling.

My prime time for hunting is from around two in the afternoon until dark. Then I am in a well concealed blind trying to stay as motionless as possible and as I sit there chickadees are in and out of my blind. I have even had them land

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For information or reservations contact Hal Rothgery at, Mohawk Archery Lanes, 1020 Taylor Street, Elyria, Ohio 44035.

on my arrow and on my shoulder.

As you sit in your blind watching for a herd of deer your eyes feel as though they are coming out of your head. Then all of a sudden, without having to move your head, out of the corner of your eye you see a movement and in a few seconds there is a deer moving to your

apple tree. Here the excitement begins. He is still out of range but that is when your heart starts to pound. Sometimes I'd swear someone is beating a big bass drum. Your broad-head starts moving and you wonder why, you suddenly realize you are shaking, not from nervousness but from excitement. The deer is now getting in range and you wait until he is not too wary. He bends down and picks up an apple and takes a bite out of it. Everything is so still you can hear the crunch of his chewing. Then he is taking another bite and he is not quite so nervous. You ease out of your cramped position muscles aching, but you don't want to flub your only shot. Now you slowly scan the area to make sure no other deer are in sight to possibly spook your quarry. Your shaking has subsided a little and you feel your muscles are ready. You get into position—the deer drops his head for another bite and your bow comes up sighting in on a heart shot. There goes the arrow. There is a loud smack like your fist striking the palm of your hand and the deer bolts, tail down, not caring where he's going. As he charges away you see your fetching extending a little back of where you intended it to go, but you know you've made a hit. As he charges through the woods you hear your shaft banging against trees.

Now there is silence. You light up a cigarette, smoking it about twice as fast as you normally do. You are still shaking but it is a good shake. Then comes the tough part, waiting. You want to take off right now and start looking but you fight the urge

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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				





## Michigan Bow Hunters

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

### FIRST CLASS

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#### WHAT BOW HUNTING MEANS TO ME

for thirty minutes, an hour, an hour and a half. It will be dark in a couple of hours so now you go first to the spot where the hit occurred and then to look for blood in the direction the deer went. A couple of hundred feet and there is half of your arrow, covered with blood. Now the trail is saturated with red splotches

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everywhere. You walk to the side of the trail following the splotches, always looking ahead for the deer. The blood trail gets thinner. What is that ahead? It's only a white log. No, there he is, all stretched out in serenity. You walk up carefully and look for tell tale breathing. There is none. You feel like yelling and letting everyone within the sound of your voice know of your success.

You tag and dress him out. Your hands are a mess but you don't mind, because you know that everyone that sees you it's a sign of success. You start dragging your deer out and suddenly you spot one of your buddies and you have to relate the entire story to him. He helps you drag your deer out and back to camp. Everyone in camp is congratulating you and slapping you on the back. You are on cloud nine, having filled your license and you spend the rest of your hunting week enjoying the out of doors.

Bow hunting has given me at east a week of the back to nature

feeling, breathing good air, seeing beautiful sights, and enjoying the companionship of good friends.

#### BOW HUNTERS TIP OF THE MONTH

Binoculars are a very handy item to have alone when hunting but they can be very aggravating around your neck and in the way. Just open the top two buttons of your camouflage and drop them inside this outer garment. They should hang just below the last button that is buttoned to hold them and so they will be readily retrievable. Don't place them inside an inner garment as body heat may condense on the cold glass. To keep them properly focused, adjust them to the desired setting and secure with a piece of tape to hold them there.

If any of our readers have a bow hunters tip they would like to pass along to other members, just send it in to Mary Taylor, P.O. Box 4, Flint, Michigan - 48640.