

# Changes in store for antlerless season



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**OUTDOOR INSIGHTS**  
With the Aug. 1 deadline approaching, many hunters are scrambling to turn in their applications for an antlerless deer permit. In case you haven't applied yet, there are several changes this year that hunters should be aware of.

For starters, throw out the old Deer Management Units. In an effort to better manage the deer population in accordance with available habitat the wildlife division of the Department of Natural Resources has redrawn the boundaries for DMU. In the Lower Peninsula, DMU boundaries run pretty much along county lines. In the Upper Peninsula, the boundaries consist of county lines, major roads, or natural features.

This change will certainly make it easier to understand the boundaries. What's bigger DMUs will make it easier to manage the deer remains to be seen.  
The general antlerless permits, which were valid on either public or private land in a designated DMU, have now been eliminated. They have been replaced with a public land permit and a private land permit, which are valid only on private or public land, respectively, in the designated DMU.

The price of an antlerless permit has been increased from \$6 to \$7. The exception is in the 12 counties where a deer has been found with a confirmed case of bovine tuberculosis. In these counties the price for a permit remains at \$3.50, the same as in the past.  
There will also be changes in

the late, antlerless-only season. Held in December on private land, last year nearly all private land in the entire Lower Peninsula was open. Due mostly to concerns of mature bucks that have lost their antlers being harvested during this season, the DNR has eliminated the hunt in five counties to perform a study. The idea is that some hunters purposely wait until the late season arrives to fill their antlerless permit.

The DNR is trying to determine if eliminating the late season will adversely affect their antlerless harvest goal, or if hunters will still kill the same number of deer by shooting deer earlier in the season.  
The deer population is within 10 percent of the DNR's objective in 10 counties, and the late season will not be held in these counties either.  
There will be no late season in the Upper Peninsula. Counties

closed to study the impact of the late season are Ogemaw, Gladwin, Newaygo, Ingham and Branch. Counties closed because they are within 10 percent of the desired population are Missaukee, Arenac, Bay, Huron, Oscoda, Gratiot, Shiawassee, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, and Berrien.

Be sure to pay attention to the details when you apply for a permit. There is once again a three permit limit, per person. The exception here is in the 12 counties that have had a confirmed case of tuberculosis in a white-tailed deer, where there is no limit. Left-over license sales will be held in September.

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# Ladies tour stop provided fans with quality bowling



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I hope everyone had a chance to watch the PWBA Ladies Pro Bowlers Tour last Monday from Shores Lanes in the Gratiot area.

The second match was one of the most exciting I have seen in a long time, and the championship game was decided by an unfortunate, 7-10 split by Brenda Norman which all but gave the victory to Cara Honeychurch, one of several Australians on the tour. This was no fluke, as Cara was last year's rookie-of-the-year on the tour and she finished match play in the top-seed spot.  
The next local professional bowling stop will be here in October as the Men's PBA Tour comes to Taylor Lanes. Entry forms for the popular Pro-Am will be out in a few weeks and will be on the bowling center counters by mid-August. The men's Pro-Am will have an entry fee of \$159 - which includes a Storm "Trauma" ball that retails for around \$200. Entry slots will be severely limited this year, so get yours in early.

Julie Wright of Livonia is at it again. She spearheaded the All-Star Grille team last season to a women's five paver team with 3,600 total pins. That was when Julie rolled her first 800 series. Now she is bowling in the Thursday Summer Trio league at Westland Bowl with her dad, Ed Wright of Farmington Hills. Her three game series last week was 279-235-300 for a total pinfall of 814.

This happens to be a men's league, so this time Julie will receive ABC 300 and ABC 500 pins plus a jacket from Westland Bowl. Her other rings are from the WIBC, so she has the unusual collection of jewelry from both sanctioning bodies in bowling.  
It's no accident that Julie turned out to be a superstar in bowling, for she was brought along through the Sunday Youth Classic traveling league in which her father, Ed, has been a long-time director. The youngsters in this element of competition receive the proper coaching and development to the higher echelons of performance.

Julie has learned her lessons well, and if you know of a good youth bowler who has the desire to excel, contact Ed Wright at (248) 477-5047 or Bob Black at (313) 386-2381.  
July 29 is the last day to take advantage of the huge prize fund available to the top bowlers in the 51st Annual Hamtramck Singles Classic Tournament at Hazel Park Bowl. First prize is worth \$26,000 and the prize list declines to where 20th pays \$2,000 and 50th place still pays off \$1,000.

For information on this tournament, call (248) 646-0070 or (248) 643-7303. There is still time to cash in.

## OUTDOOR CALENDAR

**ACTIVITIES**  
**TOP BASS TOURNAMENT TRAIL**  
Top Bass Tournament Trail will conduct an open singles draw bass tournament on Saturday, July 28 on Wixom Lake (Albright Shores Ramp), Sunday, Aug. 11 on Lobbell Lake (Linden Marine Ramp) and Aug. 25-26 on Wixom Lake (Albright). For specific times and fees, additional details and registration information, contact Elmer Daniels at (734) 729-1762 or Steve Randles at (734) 422-5813.

**DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS**  
Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

**FISHING FOR BEGINNERS**  
"Fishing for Beginners" is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4 at the Nature Center of Kensington Metropark near the Milford/Brighton area. Budding anglers will learn about fish and the sport of fishing before trying their luck. A fishing license is required for adults who wish to fish. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call 1-800-477-3178.  
**WATER SKI TOURNAMENT**  
The Michigan State Show Ski Tournament comes to Stony

**Creek Metropark** near the Rochester/Utica area on Saturday, July 28 and Sunday, July 29. All competitions will take place on Stony Creek Lake near Eastwood Beach, which will be closed to swimming during the event. Saturday's festivities include individual competitions in single, doubles, and team juggle, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Individual competition is expected to be completed by 1 p.m. Team shoot competitions are the feature attraction on Sunday, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Shows will run throughout the day with an awards presentation set for 5 p.m. The event is free, with the exception of a required vehicle entry permit. For more information, call Stony Creek Metropark at 1-800-477-7766.

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