

Champion goose caller featured

EZ-Grunter call one of several to fill the air

Special guest speakers at the Michigan Hunting and Sports Show will include:

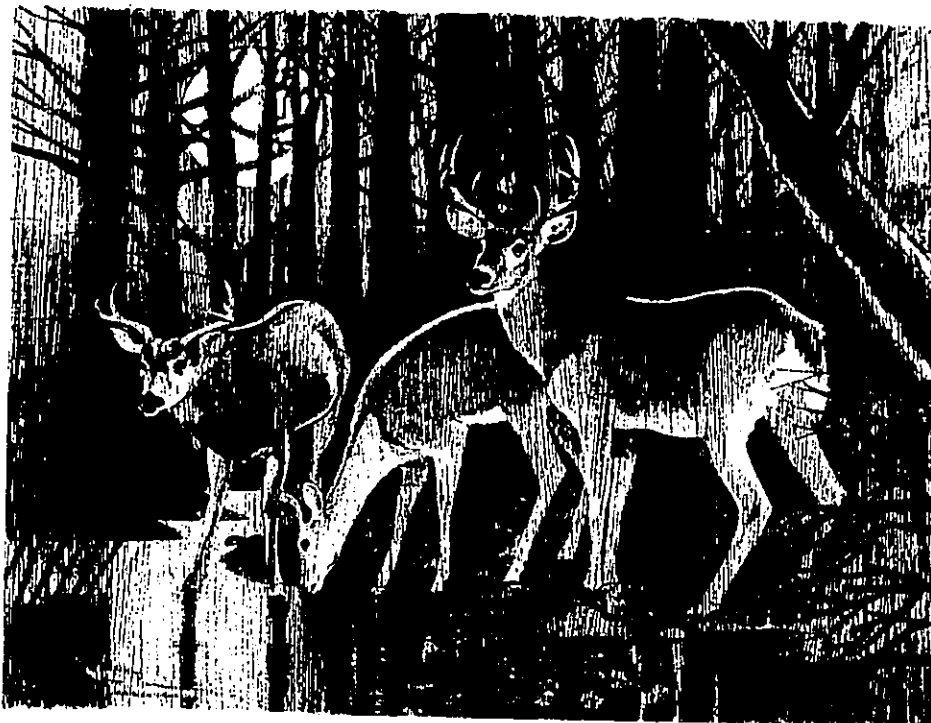
Harold Knight — Turkey, goose and deer calling — is a world champion goose caller and one of the founders of the famous Knight & Hale Game Calls. One of his most famous calls is the EZ-Grunter deer call but his famous Double Cluck goose call is one of the most sought after goose calls in the world. Listen to champion caller Harold Knight tell you how to call turkeys, geese and deer.

Bill Jordan — Camouflage clothing and hunting techniques — is the owner of Spartan/Realtree Camouflage Clothing, the fastest selling camouflage pattern in the world. Learn tricks on how to camouflage yourself successfully, and how to add camo tricks to your hunting repertoire. Jordan has taken over a dozen whitetail bucks that would make the record books. His tips can help any hunter.

Dan Fitzgerald — Deer hunting — is one of the state's leading taxidermists. He's also a highly rated video producer of hunting films for sportsmen like Noel Feather and Ben Rogers Lee. He is a leading big-game hunter, and some of his hunting techniques are very productive. Learn how and when and where to hunt Michigan's whitetail deer and black bear.

Richard P. Smith — Bear hunting — is a well-known outdoor writer and author of several fast-selling outdoor books. He has studied bears, and brings to the Detroit Hunting & Sports Show a wealth of knowledge to share with Michigans bear hunters. Smith's writings and photographs have appeared in Outdoor Life, The American Hunter and many other national magazines.

Mark Romanack — Waterfowl hunting — is a Michigan outdoor writer, and his specialty is waterfowl hunting. Learn the tricks the experts use to



take these migratory gamebirds almost every time they go hunting. Learn where to go, when to hunt, decoy setting tactics, calling, tips on how to camouflage a blind or boat, and the other tricks needed to score on ducks and geese.

Herb Boldt — Rabbit hunting — is the Michigan outdoor writer for the Associated Press. His 50 years of rabbit hunting experience is second to none, and this is a chance to learn the special tactics used to score on cottontails and snowshoe hares. Guns and loads, hunting techniques and solid where-to go information will make this an important seminar.

Dave Richey — Hunter safety — is the outdoor writer for The Detroit News, Michigan's largest daily newspaper. Richey is a popular MC for outdoor shows, and a gifted outdoor writer with over 6,000 sales to over 200 different magazines. In addition to his newspaper columns he is the author of 17 books on fishing and hunting, and has been a fishing and hunting guide. His seminars on deer hunting are very informative.

Frank McKeon — Antler Rattling — is a professional hunter and a hunting guide. One of his specialties is rattling in whitetail bucks. Learn the exciting techniques he uses with deer an-

tlers to lure big bucks within easy range of a bow or rifle hunt. McKeon is the vice president of the Green Head Co., a manufacturer of various calls.

Special attractions at this year's show are:

The Hawk Trough — The world's largest fresh water aquarium will be on display and filled with a variety of fish. The Hawk Trough measures 14-foot tall by 45-foot long by 8-foot-6-inch wide.

Archery Range — Show patrons will be able to test their archery skills and help raise money for the Detroit Archers, Detroit's oldest and largest, non-profit archery club.

DNR hopes to nab turkey poachers

AP — Decoys are no strangers to hunters, who often use them to bag their prey.

But the Department of Natural Resources is turning the tables on turkey trackers — setting decoys to nab poachers.

Curt Bacon, law enforcement supervisor for the Department of Natural Resources division in the western Upper Peninsula, has put out the once-live but now very stuffed turkey, hoping to lure illegal hunters into officers' sights.

This spring, during one week of work, the dead turkey helped officers arrest seven would-be poachers. Bacon said DNR officers stationed themselves near the turkey, and armed themselves with videotape cameras in their war against poaching.

Bacon said one man emptied a .357-caliber pistol at the extremely slow-moving turkey, nude plump by a taxidermist.

"We had to repair it a couple of times," Bacon said.

Conservation officers and biologists have estimated that hundreds of thousands of deer are killed every year by poachers, but that no accurate number can be determined. There also have been reports of moose, wolf and other animals being shot and killed illegally.

DNR officials are planning to use stuffed deer and grouse this fall during hunting seasons. Last year, state officials estimated that 750,000 hunters invaded Michigan's woodlands during the firearms deer season in late No-

vember.

This year, Bacon and other officers hope to be able to bag a few poachers before they illegally bag wildlife.

Bacon said after one of the alleged poachers blasted away at the already dead bird, he inspected his kill closely.

"One gingerly got within five yards of it, bent down and stared at the bird for five or 10 seconds to see if it would move," Bacon said. "Then he made a half-circle around it and kicked it to make sure."