

Hunters track snow days



GREAT OUTDOORS

A blanket of snow fell on the state at the start of the firearm deer season and Mother Nature's surprise was met with mixed emotions by hunters in the field.

Deer hunters in Zone III welcomed the snow, which amounted to little more than a ground covering and assisted in tracking. Hunters in Zones II and III, however, were swamped with as much as 1 to 2 feet of the fluffy stuff which kept the deer bedded down and left many hunters empty-handed.

Corn fields remain standing throughout the state providing additional cover for the elusive whitetail.

Despite these disadvantages, several area hunters experienced success in the early days of the hunt.

■ Birmingham's Barney Crandall shot an enormous buck at 6:25 p.m. on opening day while hunting from a blind on the edge of some hardwoods.

"I was about ready to go in, and I decided to give it five more minutes," Crandall said. "I was watching eight does grazing in front of me when all of a sudden a big buck arrived and the does scattered. He came to check a scrape."

Crandall grabbed his gun and dropped the 9-point buck in his tracks. He later had the buck weighed and the monster tipped the scale with a dressed-out weight of 210 pounds. The buck

sported a 21-inch spread on the rack.

Crandall has been a guest of Marilyn Plank, of Franklin Village, and David Plank, of East Tawas, at the Silverwolf Ranch near Atlanta for the past 32 years. He has taken a buck each year.

"It's by far the biggest buck I've ever taken," said Crandall. "I've been fortunate to be invited up there each year."

Crandall's sons, John and Bill, also experienced early season success. Bill, a resident of Sutton's Bay, took his biggest buck ever when he dropped an 8-point during the afternoon of opening day. John, of Rochester Hills, couldn't hunt the entire opening week, but returned north last weekend and bagged a spike horn on Nov. 21.

■ Plymouth's John Kamph took two deer in the first three days of the season. Hunting on the Canada Creek Ranch north of Atlanta, Kamph shot a spike horn late in the afternoon of opening day.

"There is something to be said for staying in the blind all day," Kamph said. "If I would have gone in for lunch I never would have seen the deer."

On Nov. 17, Kamph filled his doe tag.

■ Birmingham's Bud Meadows shot a dandy 8-point buck with his bow at 9 a.m. on Oct. 24. Hunting from a tree blind in Marlette, Meadows shot the 155-pound buck directly under his stand. The meat was donated to the Michigan Sportsman Against Hunger program.

■ Bloomfield Hills resident

Frank Stoup shot a 146-pound, 8-point with his bow on Oct. 31. Stoup was hunting from a blind within 200 yards of the blind Meadows killed. His buck from the meal was donated to the Michigan Sportsman Against Hunger program.

■ Joe and Judy Derek, of Farmington Hills, took a pair of bucks from a one-acre wooded lot surrounded by swamp in Livingston County.

Unable to hunt private property in Livingston County on opening day the Dereks postponed their opening day to Nov. 16. Judy wanted little time fill-buck as she shot a 4-point buck on Nov. 16.

Joe was awakened from an afternoon nap on Nov. 21 when he heard some crunching near his blind. He awoke to find a 7-point buck within 15 yards of his blind. He dropped the buck at 2:45 p.m.

■ Dennis Stroiter, of Ann Arbor, bagged a 6-point at 8 a.m. on Nov. 21 while hunting in a corn field in Washtenaw County.

■ Jerry Hawkins, of Redford Township, took his first bear this fall while hunting over bait in Baraga County. Hawkins shot a 176-pound bear with his 30-06 on Sept. 25, the first day of a four-day hunt. The bear isn't the only trophy for Hawkins, who bagged a 190-pound 8-point buck a couple years ago in St. Helen.

■ Lapeer's Bruce Jewell arrowed a 172-pound, 7-point buck on Nov. 3 from his tree blind in Oakland County.

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **AUDUBON EVENTS**
A trip to Belle Isle begins at 9 a.m. Saturday. Participants will have an opportunity to see many species of ducks in the Detroit River, 645-2929.
- **Annual Detroit Christmas Bird Count** will be held Dec. 20, 628-8630 or 645-2929.
- **ARCHERY SHOOT**
The Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold a 3D shoot on Sunday, Dec. 6, on its walk-through range in Plymouth Twp., 453-9843.
A bow hunter league begins Dec. 2 at the Detroit Archers clubhouse in West Bloomfield, 661-9610.
Royal Oak Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, on its walk-through range in Lake Orion, 693-9799 or 693-1369.
- **DATES/DEADLINES**
Duck and merganser season opens in Zone III
Firearm deer season ends Nov. 30.
Ruffed Grouse season begins Dec. 1
Archery deer season begins Dec. 1
Muzzleloading deer season begins Dec. 4 in Zone I
Elk season begins Dec. 8
Muzzleloading deer season begins Dec. 11 in Zones II and III.
Bass season ends Dec. 31.
- **FISHING CLUB MEETINGS**
The Four Seasons Fishing Club

meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Maplewood Center in Garden City, 477-3816.

Romeo B.A.S.S. Busters meet 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Romeo Community Youth and Civic Center, 286-6469.

evidence of fox, deer and other mammals that live in the park, begins at 1 p.m. Sunday at Indian Springs.

■ **HIKING FOX IN THE FALL**
A naturalist-led hike through some of the lesser-used park trails, begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kennington.

■ **METROPARK REQUIREMENTS**
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OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

- **SMALL HANDS /WORKSHOP**
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- **HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS**
Participants will reflect on holiday traditions with a variety of crafts and activities in this mini class which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at Independence Oaks.
- **COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS**
Advance registration is required for all Oakland County Park programs and early registration is recommended. A motor vehicle permit is also required, 625-6473.

METROPARKS

- **DRIED WILDFLOWERS**
Participants will collect dried plant material during a short walk, then return to the Nature Center to create a small table-top dried flower arrangement to take home. The class begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Indian Springs.
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