

**OUTDOORS CALENDAR**

**Archery season on horizon**

**DATES AND EVENTS**

**ARCHERY**  
Royal Oak Archers will hold a 3-D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, on its walk-through range in Lake Orion, 693-9997 or 693-1309.

The Terminator 3-D course, featuring two challenging 30-target courses including one which is handicapped accessible, is open for practice 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends. Call (517) 522-8777 weekdays or 475-2830 weekdays.

**AUDUBON**  
The Detroit Audubon Society will hold its 16th annual Wild Bird Seed Sale on Saturday, Oct. 23. Orders must be received by Oct. 15, 445-2929.

**DATES**  
Boat Show U.S.A., featuring more than 1,200 new power and sail boats, begins Saturday and runs through Oct. 3 at Metro Beach. Show hours are noon to 6 p.m. each day. Admission is \$7 adult and \$1 for children under 12. A Metropark vehicle entry permit is also required.  
Archery deer season opens Oct. 1.

The 30-day duck season opens Oct. 2 in the North Zone (Upper Peninsula).

A hunter's safety class will be held Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6-7, at the Wayne County Sportsmen's Club. Registration begins Oct. 25, 632-0285.  
Fall wild turkey season opens Oct. 4.

Sighting-In Days begin Oct. 8 at the Western Wayne County Conservation Association, 453-9843.

The 30-day duck season and the 23-day Canada goose season opens Oct. 9 in the Middle Zone (northern Lower Peninsula).

1993 World Field Championship Target Competition will be held Oct. 8-10 at the Western Wayne County Conservation Association, 453-9843.

Pheasant season opens Oct. 10 in Zone I and Oct. 20 in zones II and III.

The 30-day duck season and the 23-day Canada goose season opens Oct. 16 in the Southern Zone (southern Lower Peninsula).

The 23-day Canada goose season ends Oct. 17 in the North Zone (Upper Peninsula).

Bear season ends Oct. 26.  
Quail season opens Oct. 28.

**FISHING CLUB MEETINGS**  
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets at 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Maplewood Center in Garden City, 477-3816.

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School, 420-2233.

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.

**AUTUMN MAGIC FAMILY FESTIVAL**  
An afternoon of family fun including hay rides, cider pressing, face painting, make-and-take crafts for the kids and more, begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at Independence Oaks.

**MUSTARD'S RETREAT**  
In conjunction with the Autumn Magic Festival, Mustard's Retreat will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Cohn Amphitheater. These two singer/song writers enjoy performing folk songs that pique the interest of the entire audience.

**COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all Oakland County Parks programs, 625-6473.

**METROPARKS**

**FULL MOON WALK**  
Learn about different cultural harvest celebrations during an evening stroll under the light of a full moon in this nature program which begins at 7 p.m. today at Stony Creek. A similar program begins at 7:30 p.m. at Kensington.

**GOODNIGHT WALK**  
Children can explore the mysteries of the nighttime woods during a short hike, then gather indoors to share a bedtime story and a snack in this program which be-

gins at 7 p.m. Friday at Indian Springs.

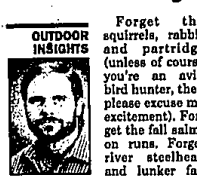
**PICK YOUR PUMPKIN**  
Take a horse-drawn hayride to the pumpkin patch to select a perfect Halloween pumpkin weekends through October at the Kensington Farm Center.

**CIDER MAKING**  
Families can press their own apple cider Saturday and Sunday at Indian Springs. Participants should bring a bushel of washed apples and three plastic gallon jugs. Times are scheduled by appointment only, 625-7280. A similar program begins at noon at Stony Creek.

**VOYAGEUR DAY**  
Participants six years old and older will can help paddle the 94-foot Voyageur canoe at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday at Stony Creek.

**PIONEER WAYS**  
Get a taste of pioneer life through such activities as butter making, sawing lumber and playing with pioneer toys in this program which begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Kensington.

**WALKTOBERFEST**  
An eight-mile walk in which pledge money will be used for research and education by the American Diabetes Association, begins at 7:30 a.m. Sunday at Kensington. To register and for more information call 1-800-525-9292.



**BILL PARKER**

**OUTDOOR INSIGHTS**  
Forget the squirrels, rabbit and partridge (unless of course you're an avid bird hunter, then please excuse my excitement). Forget the fall salmon runs. Forget river steelhead andunker fall l a r g e m o u t h. Heck, forget that the grass needs mowing, the garage needs cleaning and the car needs a tuneup. The day archers across the state have been waiting for it less than 24 hours away. The 1993 archery deer season begins tomorrow morning one-half hour before sunrise.

Despite a lot of grumbling about a lack of deer last year, 330,730 archery hunters combined to take 99,980 whitetails according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. (That's slightly better than a 30-percent success rate.) The '93 outlook also appears bright with the whitetail herd estimated at between 1.4 and 1.6 million animals.

But it wasn't always this way. The popularity of archery deer hunting has exploded over the past 20 years.

**Wheels of fortune**  
Around 1965 a new type of bow — the compound — hit the mar-

ket. Prior to that time, recurves and long bows were the only available weapons for archers. In the mid-60's wheels, or cams, were added to the end of the limbs of the recurves allowing for a great reduction in pull weight. These new bows made the sport much more attractive for those who had never previously hunted with a bow and arrow.

Compounds drastically improved arrow speed and flight. These new wheels also made it much easier to draw the bow and hold the bow at full draw while waiting for the optimum shot. It took about five years before the impact was felt in Michigan.

DNR statistics indicate 68,540 licensed archery hunters took 3,180 deer in Michigan in 1970 (4.6-percent success rate). By 1975 that figure had nearly doubled with 129,700 licensed archers bagging 8,760 deer (7.3-percent success rate).

**Going through changes**

The popularity of the sport took another huge leap in 1977 when the DNR passed the two-deer law. This law allowed hunters to take one deer with a bow and one deer with a gun. Prior to that time hunters could only take one deer, either with a gun or a bow.

By 1980 the number of licensed archery hunters in Michigan had ballooned to a whopping 204,650. They harvest was 28,110 (13.7-percent success rate).

In 1986, 228,970 hunters took 67,960 deer (29.6-percent success rate).

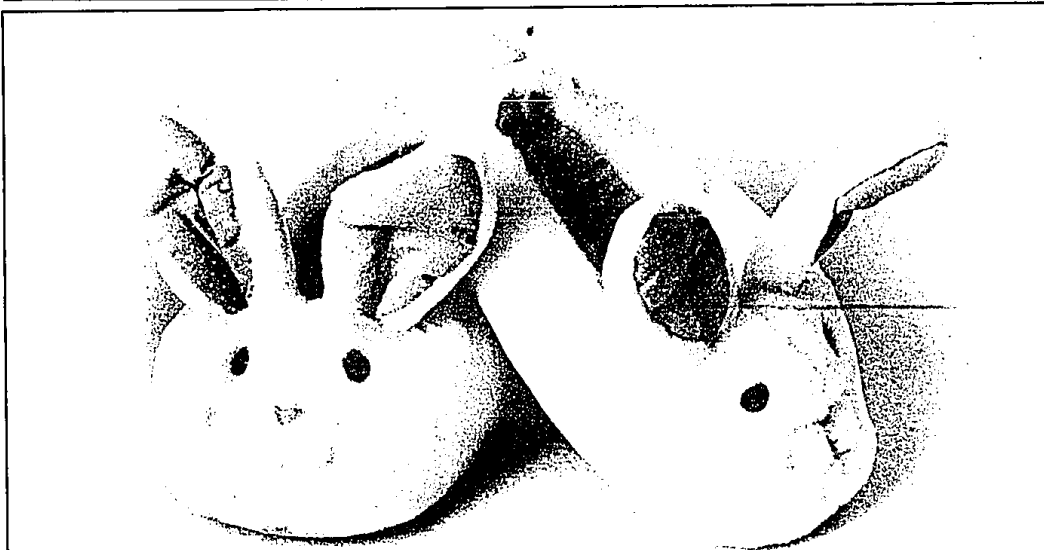
The DNR expects 350,000 archers to hunt this fall with an anticipated harvest of 88,000 deer.

Archers are now allowed to harvest two deer per year, one of which must be a buck with three-inch antlers or more. Antlerless deer permits not filled during the Nov. 15-30 firearms season allow an archer to take a third deer, but it must be used during the second archery season which runs Dec. 1-Jan. 1.

Practice time is over. If you're not ready by now, wait until next year to break into the sport. Don't try to hunt with a weapon you are not proficient with.

Remember, when the moment of truth finally arrives stay calm. Take a deep breath and concentrate on a good shot. Pick a spot and make a smooth release. And keep in mind that it's not how far you can shoot an arrow, it's how close you can get to the game.

(Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information by mail to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Information may be faxed to 644-1314 or call Bill Parker at 901-2573.)

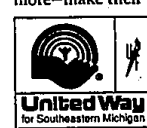


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