



Beast of prey, a cardboard tiger

# Bullseye!

By SUSAN AVERILL

Carefully aiming the arrow, the great hunter lets it fly straight into the heart of the king of the forest. Bullseye! The great hunter has just scored another five points toward the first place trophy offered by The Detroit Archers Club.

The lion, his cousin the leopard, and an elephant are, among 40 cardboard targets to be set up for the club's annual "Safari Shoot," to be held Saturday and Sunday,

July 27 and 28. It will be open to the public. "You get experts, wives who shoot once a year, and young kids . . . but it's for everybody, really," said Dave Roach, a director of the club, located on Drake Road in West Bloomfield. The shoot will be set up like a golf course, entrants proceeding from one target to the next, across 20 acres of forest, accumulating points for competition in their respective age and class.

## 'Safari Shoot' comes to West Bloomfield

PICNIC GROUNDS will be set up for cookouts and the clubhouse will be open, serving food and selling equipment. There will be a small entrance fee.

Entrants must bring their own equipment or buy it from the club's pro shop. Registration will be at 10 a.m. both days.

The oldest archery club in Michigan, the Detroit Archery Club was established in the early 1920s as a private, non-profit organization. It

takes in new members once a year for a nominal \$48 fee.

Use of the club facilities is free for members unless they are participating in one of the league meets. For aspiring archers, the club offers a junior Olympic archery development program on Saturdays for older children and teenagers.

"We don't actually teach adults here, but if they need it, we're going to take them under our wing and show them the basics," Roach said.

"ONE THING about archery—all you have to do is buy a bow and a set of arrows and that's it," he said, contrasting the game to sports like golf, which can become quite costly.

But it's not necessarily a cheap sport. Pros will equip themselves with not only a 35-pound bow for target shooting, but also a stabilizer, quiver, arm guard, finger tabs, a sight and aluminum arrows, shooting the cost up to around \$160.

Well, maybe archery isn't exactly the simple sport it's cracked up to be.

"Robin Hood just strapped on a quiver—it takes us half an hour to get dressed," said Roach, with a smile.

FOR SERIOUS hunters, the state offers a deer hunting season for archers only, between Oct. 1 and Nov. 5. The last three weeks in December have also been opened exclusively for archers, no guns allowed.

A 50-pound bow and razor-tipped arrows are used to insure the quiet death and prevent the suffering of the hunted animal.

"The arrows used for hunting are equipped with two razor blades, laid at right angles to each other. It slices through arteries and veins, and the animal dies in less than 30 seconds," Roach said.

"Many people have the image of a deer running frantically through the forest, finally dying of exhaustion and blood loss. Actually, that rarely happens, Roach said.



Dave Roach sights the target

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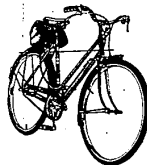
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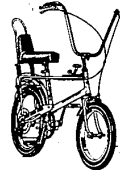
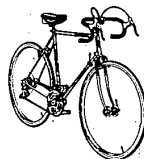
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