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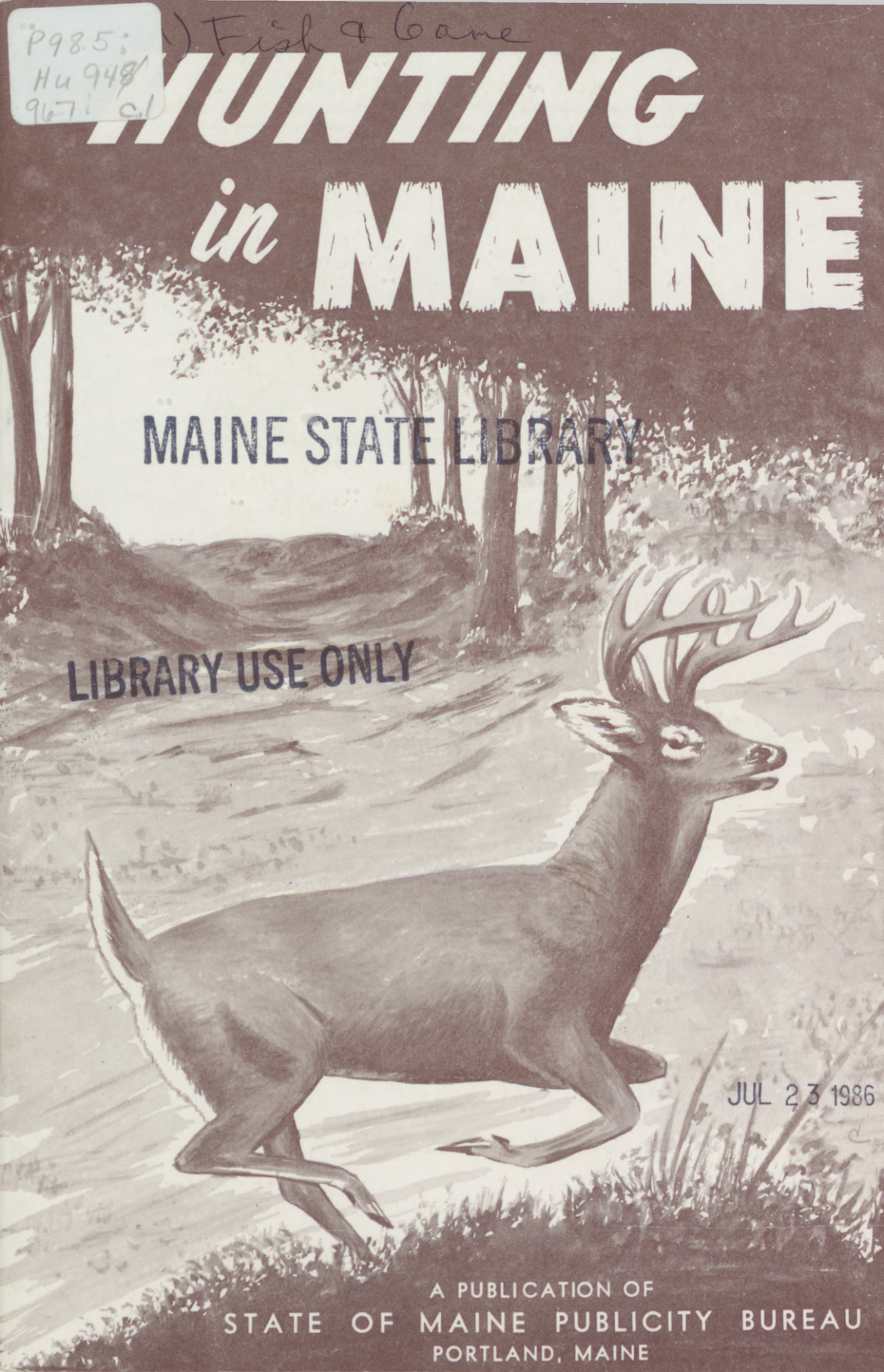
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GENERAL LAWS COVERING MAINE BIRDS AND ANIMALS

1967-68

(Before hunting any area, consult "Maine Hunting and Trapping" law booklet)

DEER OPEN SEASONS

(Zone)	(Firearms)	(Archery)
Northern	Oct. 15 - First Saturday following Thanksgiving	Oct. 1 - Oct. 14
Southern	Nov. 1 - Nov. 30	Oct. 1 - Oct. 31

NOTE: See Deer Zone Map, Inside Back Cover

Season Limit on Deer—One of either sex—All Deer killed must be registered.
For Archery Season, Special License Required and Special Registration of Deer Killed.

Moose and Caribou: Hunting or possession prohibited.

Black Bear: Closed season, Jan. 1 - May 31.

Fisher: Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.

Foxes: No closed season.

Bobcat and Lynx: No closed season.

Raccoons: Sept. 15 - Dec. 15, dogs and firearms. (*Consult law booklet*)

Rabbits and Hares: Oct. 1 - Feb. 28, in Cumberland, Sagadahoc and Androscoggin Counties.

Oct. 1 - Mar. 20, York County.

Oct. 1 - Mar. 31, Aroostook, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Franklin, Oxford, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Waldo and Hancock.

Oct. 1 - Mar. 31, Washington County. (*Unlawful to hunt with dogs Nov. 1 - Nov. 30.*)

Grey Squirrels: Oct. 1 - Nov. 15. Daily limit, 4. Possession limit, 8. (*May not be taken in public or private parks or in built-up areas.*)

Ruffed Grouse: (Partridge) Oct. 1 - Nov. 15.

Pheasants: Oct. 1 - Nov. 15. (*With certain exceptions as noted in the "Maine Hunting and Trapping" law booklet.*)

Woodcock and Waterfowl: See "Federal Regulations—Migratory Birds," elsewhere in this book.

NOTE: Hunting in the nighttime is prohibited with certain exceptions regarding Raccoons and Skunks as noted in the law booklet. Hunting on Sundays prohibited.

Hunting in Maine

Maine is proud of the outstanding hunting records which have been established in the Pine Tree State over the years.

Bucks weighing more than 400 pounds live weight have been taken in Maine, and it is doubted if any heavier whitetails are taken anywhere on the continent.

Still unbeaten from the standpoint of greatest antler curve in North America, is the beautiful head bagged by E. M. Stuart of Waban, Massachusetts, during the 1949 season. Stuart topped a British Columbia record by downing a buck with a right antler curve of 31 inches and a left antler curve of 30 inches. The Canadian deer, taken 49 years ago, measured 30¾ and 27½ inches, respectively.

In 1941, the entire deer kill during that season totalled only slightly over 19,000. In 1966, in spite of the increased hunting pressure over the intervening years, 32,160 deer were tagged.

For the fifteenth year, Maine continued its "BIGGEST BUCKS IN MAINE CLUB" and kept official records of all outstanding bucks brought down during the season. (*One deer of either sex may be shot by a hunter during each annual open season.*) Since this unique sportsman's club was organized, the yearly membership of hunters who qualify has run consistently around the 1200 figure, but starting with the 1956 season, weight requirements were increased to include only those bucks dressing out at the 200 pound mark. Despite the much stiffer requirements, 485 new members were registered in 1966.

The Pine Tree State's "BIGGEST BUCKS IN MAINE CLUB," an exclusive organization for those hunters bagging exceptional bucks (fully described on inside back cover) was started in 1949. Shoulder patches, brilliantly adorned in scarlet and gold, are awarded to hunters who qualify. In addition, an official membership card, signed by the Governor of the State of Maine, is presented to each successful hunter who registers a deer of sufficient size to qualify. It is estimated that the average sportsman's chances of bringing back a deer over 200 pounds is 1 to 35.

Archery Hunting in Maine

Twelve years ago, for the first time, two counties in Maine were granted a special bow and arrow season for the hunting of deer prior to the regular firearms season.

Non-resident Hunting Licenses

(1967 Calendar Year)

*Big Game License (includes small Game)	\$30.25
All species of game except deer and bear	\$15.25
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Due to the interest created by this experimental special season, the area for hunting for the archer has been extended to include the entire State of Maine.

Since the archery season this year starts before the regular hunting season, the big whitetails should be far less cautious and much easier for the skilled archer to stalk. Archers will also find a much longer season than ever before (season runs the month of October in the southern zone, and from October 1 through October 14 in the northern zone). A special license is required and laws governing this new form of sport should be examined carefully before starting out.

Of course, if a deer is downed by a bow and arrow during this special season the hunter is precluded from further hunting for deer during the year. If the archer does not get his deer, he may obtain a regular hunting license and hunt with firearms the same year.

The law says that during the archery season, deer may be taken with a bow which is capable of shooting at least 150 yards. Arrow heads must be at least $\frac{7}{8}$ inches in width. Poisonous or explosive tipped arrows are illegal, and firearms must not be carried while hunting with bow and arrow.

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Bow and arrow hunters who succeed in bagging game in Maine this year will be eligible for membership in the recently organized "Maine Bow Hunters Club" and will be rewarded with a colorful shoulder patch and a membership certificate signed by the Governor. The only qualification for membership in this exclusive organization is to bag a big game animal in the State of Maine legally during the special bow and arrow season.

Further information concerning licenses and regulations will be furnished free of charge by writing to: Maine Publicity Bureau, Gateway Circle, Portland, Maine 04102.

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White-tail Deer

Deer hunting in Maine rates easily as the top activity for the outdoorsman who loves a gun. According to experts, Maine Deer are outstanding specimens of their kind in the world.

Opinion is divided as to which part of the open season it's best to plan your trip. Some say that the early days are better, because the deer aren't so wild—they haven't been hunted, frightened or shot at and so are easier to approach. On the other hand, many veteran hunters refuse even to try their skill until the last ten days or two weeks of the shooting

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period. They claim that since foliage is thinner toward mid- and late-November, easier, cleaner and longer shots are the rule, with the ever-present possibility of snow for tracking.

Generally speaking, with a small party of hunters, still hunting is the best procedure on dry ground. Most Maine woods areas are too large for practical use of the "driving" system as used in many states. However, some sections in the southern part of the State are adaptable to this method of hunting. Beech ridges, old apple orchards and locations on a hillside where the "black growth" meets the hardwood are key spots to the experienced hunter. Always walk into the wind, as softly as possible, avoiding dry sticks that may snap. Stop frequently to watch and listen.

The best time to hunt in any part of the open season is from daylight in the morning until 10 A. M., and from about 3 P. M. until dusk. Always study the ground for fresh tracks, droppings and areas where the Deer have been "working" for food. Under beech trees, especially, Deer will often paw the leaves up in little piles while searching for beechnuts.

Old burned-over areas and year-old timber cuttings furnish likely spots also. In early Fall, Deer are often found nibbling small tender shoots and wild raspberry bushes in these open sections. Sit down on a log or a stump frequently and slowly but carefully study the landscape around

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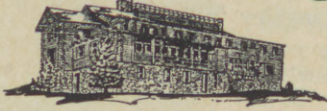
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Hunting with snow on the ground is a rather difficult proposition. Nearly any hunter, whether inexperienced or tempered by years of reading woods lore signs, can determine with a little study and common sense whether a Deer track in the snow is very old, 24-hours-old, fairly recent or fresh. Much of your success depends upon your appraisal of the track and of the manner in which the deer was walking.

Tracks four to six hours old that show a Deer walking leisurely toward a thicket on a knoll are worth ten times as much to the seasoned hunter as a very fresh set patterned in bounds of many feet apart and left by a frightened Deer intent upon leaving that part of the country. A zigzagging trail indicates a Deer that is either feeding or looking for a place to "bed down," or both. In soft snow without a crust, it's often possible to walk almost up to a resting Deer under these conditions. Due respect must always be given the wind direction, however.

Unhurried fresh tracks in soft snow going straightaway or on a feeding course are best worked by attempting a cut-in ahead of the Deer about

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The use of both rifles and shotguns is permissible in Maine for Deer hunting. Rifles are by far the more popular and much more practical, except in a few instances where thick brush and close shots are the rule. Maine guides swear by the .30-30 rifle and the .32 Special Winchester. Other favorites are the .300 Savage, .303, .30-06, .35 Remington and the old .38-55. Frankly, any hard-hitting, easily-handled high power rifle from a .25 bore up will do the trick if it has sufficient shocking power. In any event . . . *make sure it's a DEER and not a MAN before you shoot!*

Deer hunting, boiled down, is careful planning, patience, perseverance and often a large degree of luck. One thing you can be sure of: No amount of the above-mentioned qualities or conditions will put venison on your table unless you expose yourself to Deer hunting in a section where White-Tails are plentiful. A hunting trip in Maine will assure you of that, so—get that shootin' eye in trim this Fall and come to the Pine Tree State. The rest is up to you!

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Late in the Fall, mid-October to the last of November, is probably the best time for still-hunting these dark-furred marauders. During this period of the year they are busy building up surplus fat in anticipation of their long winter hibernation. They're also moving around a lot in search of suitable winter quarters.

Black Bears as well as Deer are fond of beechnuts. Abandoned farm areas where half-frozen apples still cling to remote trees during the late fall months also make excellent spots to watch for Bruin. Deserted lumber camps and old timber cuttings, where rotting logs and stumps abound with grubs and other insects, rank high among the favorite feeding grounds of the Black Bear. Still another favorite spot of many successful Bear hunters is the garbage dump of an active lumber camp or sporting lodge. Once a Bear has started "working" around a dump, unless shot at or

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Maine's Black Bears may be hunted anytime except during the closed season, January 1st to June 1st (effective January 1, 1966). Favorite rifles among Maine bear hunters are the traditional .30-30, the .35 Remington, the .300 Savage, .32 Winchester Special and .30-06. Of course, any big game rifle of your choice will probably do the job, but you've got to be "fast on the draw" to hit old Bruin unless you are lucky enough to catch him sitting still. Plentiful, but far more difficult to bag

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Naturally, use of a good bird dog is preferable, but many hunters shoot their limit (four birds per day) by "walking them up" after choosing likely looking covers. Selection of a shotgun and size of shot to be used are pretty much up to the preference of the hunter in this instance. Anything

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*DUCKS	Oct. 7 - Nov. 11 Dec. 11 - Dec. 19	3	6
Black Duck	Same as above	2	4
Canvasback	Same as above	1	1
Wood Duck	Same as above	2	4
Hooded Merganser	Same as above	1	2
Red-breasted or American Mergansers	Same as above	5	10
Scoters (or Sea Coots), Eider and Old Squaw Ducks	Sept. 25 - Jan. 10	7 in aggregate	14 in aggregate
Geese (Except Snow Geese)	Oct. 7 - Dec. 15	2	4
Brant	Oct. 7 - Dec. 15	6	12
Wilson's Snipe	Sept. 25 - Nov. 13	8	16
Rails and Gallinules (Except Coots)	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9	15 in aggregate	30 in aggregate
Woodcock	Sept. 25 - Nov. 15	5	10

SPECIAL NOTES

* Experimental season on Black Ducks begins in area south and east of U. S. Route 1, from Calais to the New Hampshire border, December 20 - January 2. Free federal permit required during this special season may be obtained from Maine Fish and Game Department after November 1st.

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A bright red or yellow cap, the brighter the better, for Deer Hunting and a brown or similar shade for Duck Hunting are practical necessities. Heavy wool socks and easily removable gloves should be worn late in the season. A couple of extra wool shirts are always handy. Handkerchiefs should be of the large bandanna type and either red or bright yellow in color. A white handkerchief being pulled from a hunter's pocket hastily looks enough like the white flag of a flashing Deer's tail to have caused the accidental death of several hunters in different states.

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BIGGEST BUCKS IN MAINE CLUB

Maine invites you to become a member of the most exclusive "deer club" in the world. There is no initiation fee, no dues, and no possible way to "buy" your way in—yet its membership is open to anyone.

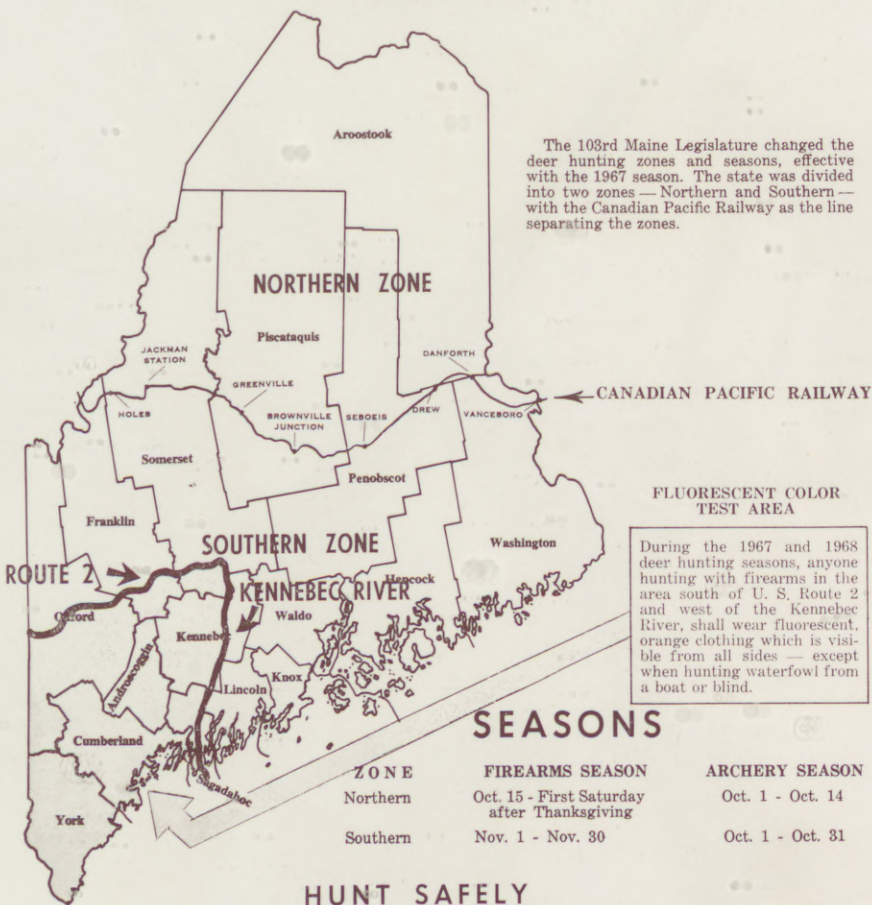
All you must do to join this exclusive group and receive a certificate of membership signed by the Governor of Maine and a distinctive scarlet and gold shoulder patch is to bag a buck weighing 200 pounds or more, *woods dressed*, and file a formal application for membership with the Dept. of Economic Development, State Office Building, Augusta, Maine.

R U L E S

1. Open to anyone, resident and non-resident, holding a Maine hunting license.
2. Limited to deer of the Whitetail species and taken only in accordance with game laws.
3. No buck known to have been shot by any one other than applicant will qualify.
4. Guides, camp owners and wardens are not eligible to club.
5. Weight of buck, antler measurements, number of points, as requested on formal application, must be certified by an Inland Fisheries and Game Warden.
6. Checking station attendants cannot certify bucks, but are requested to suggest to sportsmen that they notify a warden to do so, if a deer seems to meet minimum weight requirements.
7. The minimum *dressed weight* must be 200 pounds.

(There are more than 100 Inland Fisheries and Game Wardens on duty, covering all sections of the State. Your camp owner or Maine Guide will gladly put you in touch with one.)

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HUNT SAFELY
and have a good time!

