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Resolution # 18
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Submitted by: Michigan Bow Hunters Association
Passed: MUCC Annual Convention, June 19, 2016
Title: **DEFINING "PNEUMATIC GUNS THAT LAUNCH ARROWS"**

WHEREAS, since Michigan's first separate bow hunting season in 1937 technology experimentation has enabled the ability to make more reliable bow hunting equipment and efficient crossbows to date; and

WHEREAS, legal archery season hunting equipment in our state to hunt big game with are longbows, recurves, compound bows and crossbows, including modified bows by permit; and

WHEREAS, a bow is defined in part as a device that launches an arrow quarrel or bolt via string contact with projectile; and

WHEREAS, the heritage and history of Michigan's archery season are more than just additional days afield to hunt big game with archery equipment, it is a lifestyle and passion to many sportsmen, sportswomen and their families; and

WHEREAS, there are products on the market which fire an arrow utilizing air pressure, OR an arrow launching rifle utilizing the pressure of blank ammunition as means of propulsion; and

WHEREAS, in Michigan law, "Pneumatic gun" means any implement, designed as a gun, that will expel a BB or pellet by spring, gas, or air. Pneumatic gun includes a paintball gun that expels by pneumatic pressure plastic balls filled with paint for the purpose of marking the point of impact; and

WHEREAS, there is rising controversy towards increased technology and its use in hunting and during Michigan's archery deer season which could limit recreation time or harvest for archery hunters; NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs support legislation to add to the definition of pneumatic gun, pneumatic guns that launch arrows; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MUCC work with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Natural Resources Commission in the regulation of pneumatic guns.