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## ***Tattered Feather Fin & Feather Club of Mason County***



### **SHOTGUN SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP**

There will be a Shotgun Sports Championship on Saturday, August 26, starting at 9 AM. Skeet, Trap and Skrap will be 50 targets for each event.

The cost is \$5 per event which includes prizes and lunch. You can shoot your targets ahead of time, but they must be scored by a Range Officer and declared in advance.

Sign up with a Range Officer during open shooting hours or contact Bruce Rosema at 231 499-6000. You can sign up ASAP and shoot your targets ahead of time so **SIGN UP TODAY**

## FIN & FEATHER LEADERSHIP 2023

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### Terms End January 1st, 2024

Dan Engelhardt Rick Gleason  
Bruce Rosema David Sanders

### Terms End January 2025

Mike Hill Russ Bosley Jim Glover Frank Koehle  
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## **CONSERVATION PLEDGE**

I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste, the natural resources of my country. It's air, soil, and minerals, it's forests, waters and wildlife.

## **NRA**

Thank you to Nick Amicone for volunteering to becoming our new NRA Chairman. The cost to become a NRA member is \$35 per year. The club gets a profit when you join NRA through the club. To contact Nick, call 586-752-7603 or by e-mail at nicamicone@gmail.com. Nick will be at all the regular club meetings to sign or renew your NRA membership.

The Fin & Feather Club will be the host for the Michigan Bowhunters Shoot in 2026 and 2027. More information will be available as we move forward.



## **CPL CLASSES:.**

The schedule of CPL Classes for the rest of the year are; August 4 & 5, September 1 & 2, October 6 & 7 and November 3 & 4

The class is \$100 for non club members and \$50 for club members. You must register with Jim Glover at 231 907-8330 to take the class.

# Tattered Feather August-September 2023

## Friends of Fin & Feather Club 2023

Please remember to support the Friends who support your club!!!  
Let them know you saw their name in the Tattered Feather Newsletter.

Memory of Koby Kobrehel  
Hardman Family  
Animal Hospital of Ludington  
In Memory Harmon Deal  
James Holzbach  
Lundquist's Furniture  
Country Veterinary Clinic  
Ludington Beverage  
Magee Insurance  
Sanders Meat  
Smith & Eddy Insurance  
Dr. Lewis Squires DC  
Veterinary Medical Center  
Legends Taxidermy Studios  
Executive Wealth Management, John Barbrick  
Steve & Mary Anne Miller

Gary & Karen Hearing  
Hardman Construction  
Indian Summer Co-op  
Doug & Dawn Rollenhagen  
Turf Care Mole Man  
Charles & Sarah Griffith  
Dune Side Auto Glass  
Douglas & Diane Chaffin  
Larry & Barb Scherer  
Dusty's Auto Body  
Mason County Press  
Ernie & Maria Richardson  
Wayne Andersen  
West Shore Bank  
Memory of Dr. Sidney A. McKnight  
G. Freeland Roofing Systems Inc.

Fin & Feather Friends & Members,

In 1989, Friends of Fin & Feather was born and joined us in our conservation efforts. We are currently inviting you to participate in the Friends of Fin & Feather. The program collects money from individuals & businesses to promote conservation & educational programs within our community.

Over the years, we have participated in many different activities. Examples of Conservation & Education programs are:

Big Sable Riverbank Stabilization  
Pere Marquette River Watershed  
Mason County Walleye Association  
Victory Township Park Improvements  
Mason-Lake Soil Conservation  
Trooper Paul Butterfield Scholarship

Outdoor Science Scholarship  
4-H Youth Rifle Marksmanship  
MUCC Summer Camp  
"MUCC Tracks" Magazine  
Hunter Safety Classes  
**Plus many others note listed**

If you feel this is a worthy cause of protecting and preserving our natural resources in our area is meant for you, you're invited to join us at one of three levels: **Bronze is \$200, Silver is \$400 and Gold is \$600.** Our promise to you is that 100% of your donation will be invested in our Conservation & Education programs.

If you would like to donate or have additional questions please contact me.

Thanks in advance,

Dan Engelhardt

Friends of the Fin & Feather Chairperson

(231) 510-1003



### Board of Director Meetings

October 4 December 6  
January 8, 2024

All Board meetings start at **6:00 PM.** All interested Fin & Feather Club members are invited to attend.

### NEXT UPCOMING MEETING

The next meeting will be August 9th.  
The meal for the meeting will be tater chip chicken w/mashed potatoes, salad, rolls and a dessert. The cost is still \$10 for all you can eat.

To access the Fin and Feather web site, go to:  
**"finandfeatherclub.org."**

If you have something that needs to go into the web-site, contact Nita at [bearladytwo@live.com](mailto:bearladytwo@live.com).



### Monday Night Women Pistol Shooting

On Monday nights, women can come out to the Fin & Feather Club and shoot pistols. The class starts at 6:00 PM and is taught by Jim Glover.

The class is for women and is open to the public. There is no cost to come out and shoot and you can either bring your own pistol or pistols will be supplied.

## Outstanding Fin & Feather Club Member

Every year, the Fin & Feather Club awards to a club member, the honor of being the Outstanding Club the year. This award is given to a member who shows outstanding devotion to the club and has devoted his/her time, talents and expertise to the club in an unselfish manner beyond the normal. Here is a list of previous club members that has been awarded this honor.

1991 Dick VanAtta (Gunsmoke)	1992 Randy Wolfe	1993 Bruce Krieger	1994 Larry Moorlag
1995 Bruce Finch	1996 Nita Finch	1997 Ray Cummins & Jack Thiel	
1998 Marv Hanna	1999 Ralph Christensen	2000 Kim Thomas	
2001 Wayne Andersen	2002 Joanne Cummins	2003 Tom Sheppardson	2004 John Ochs
2005 Walt Olmstead	2006 Frank Koehle	2007 Bob Fenstermacher	
2008 Corky Jensen & Bill Olsen	2009 Koby Kobrehel	2010 Jim Glover & Gordon Grossenbacher	
2011 Bob Ferney, Bruce Wadel & Ed Zientek		2012 Russ Bosley	2013 Lance Christensen
2014 Diane Zack	2015 Bruce Rosema	2016 Cindy Gleason	2017 Dan Engelhardt
2018 Rick Gleason	2019 Dick Herrmann	2020 Chris Shimmel	
2021 Pat & Sandee Donovan	2022 Don & Eldonna Folkman & Gary Kondracki		



## PLAID SHIRT NIGHT NOV, 4, 2023

It's that time of year again for our annual fund raiser **Plaid Shirt Night 2023.**

Gather your friends together to enjoy a great night of food & prizes.

If you are interested in purchasing a ticket or reserving a table, please contact **Nita Finch, Cindy Gleason or Joanne Cummins** (see below).

Tickets will be available for club members 8/1/23 & for non-members 9/1/23

Ticket price is \$50 per person which includes an excellent dinner, many door prizes and excellent raffle items

We will be offering 250 admittance tickets for this event

Doors open at 5:00 PM Saturday, November 4, 2023

Nita Finch

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Email: [rjcummins@charter.net](mailto:rjcummins@charter.net)

## Cowboy Action Shoot

Cowboy Action Shoots are on the **2th Saturday of every month**. This date is different than it was last year, so take notice. The next shoot is scheduled for May 13th. Registration begins at 8:30 am and shooting starts around 9 AM.

Contact Roger Lehrbass at 231 343-2580 or Chris Shimmel at 231 239-2448, if you have any questions or to make sure they will be shooting. Come on out and watch them shoot or participate. It's very entertaining.

## Trap & Skeet Shooting Hours

Trap hours (open to the public), Tuesdays 3:30-6:30 and Saturdays 9-noon.

Skeet hours (open to the public), Tuesdays 2:30-5:30 and Saturdays 9-noon.

Don't forget to sign in and out at any of the ranges that you are going to use. There is a sign in book in the mail boxes at all ranges. If you see anyone that is miss-using the ranges or destroying the range property in any way, please contact Bruce Rosema at 231 499-600 or Dan Engelhardt at 231 510-1003.

**REMEMBER, always keep the ranges better than you found it.**

**These are your ranges....  
BE SAFE AND HAVE FUN.....**



# Tattered Feather August-September 2023

## Timber Harvest Operations Underway







CPL Class of July 7th & 8th, had 11 students who successfully passed the course and received their CPL certificates.



### MEMORIAL

The Fin & Feather Club will be holding a memorial service to honor club members that have recently passed away. The event will be held Saturday, August 26th at noon.

Rev John Brown will be doing the service. There will be a

gun salute to those that we have lost. We will be honoring the following club members:

Koby Kobrehel    John Gould    Kevin Swygert  
Lanny Mikesell    Carl Jensen

The Fin & Feather Memorial honors our past and present club members. Frank Koehle | designed and erected the Memorial that is directly in front of the clubhouse.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION 2023



### Mason County

Dispose of unused, unwanted, outdated cleaners, pesticides, pharmaceuticals, electronics, batteries & more

**August 19, 2023**

**9 am – 1 pm**

Mason County Road Commission  
510 E. State St., Scottville, MI

**Suggested Minimum Donation: \$15**



**Mason-Lake Conservation District**  
655 N Scottville Rd  
Scottville, MI 49454  
(231) 757-3707 ext. 5  
[Mason-LakeConservation.org](http://Mason-LakeConservation.org)

We now have Fin & Feather pull over sweat-shirts in sizes large to 2XL. Color is dark gray and they are \$20 each. If you would like one contact Nita at 231 690-0874 or see her at a club meeting to get yours.



**GUN A MONTH RAFFLE 2022-2023**

Tickets for the new Gun A Month raffle which started at the regular club meeting October 12, 2022. All the 350 tickets were sold. Thank you to everyone that either purchased a ticket or helped in selling them. The cost was still \$50 per ticket and this year there are 350 tickets were sold. Contact Ross Kissel at 231 845-9086 or by e-mail at "firecaptain29@outlook.com" The rules for the raffle are: you need not be present to win, but you **MUST** be 18 years of age to participate, have bought a Gun a Month ticket, and be eligible to purchase a firearm. Here is a list & the dates of the firearms:

October 12, 2022	S&W M&P9, Shield Plus	Winner: Adam Castonia
November 6, 2022	S&W M&P9 Perf Center 9mm	Winner: Scott May
December 14, 2022	Springfield Hellocat OSP	Winner: Dave Organ
January 11, 2023	ATI Calvary .410 O/U	Winner: Henry Lange
February 8, 2023	ATI Calvary 20 gauge O/U	Winner: Steve Miller
March 8, 2023	Mossberg Patriot Long Range 6.5 cm	Winner: Cade Scott
April 12, 2023	Rem 700 ADL Varmint 308	Winner: Doug Currier
May 10, 2023	Howe M1500 6.5 c, Heavy Barrel	Winner: Chris VanOver
June 14, 2023	Win XPR 350 Legend	Winner: Randolph Sarnowski
July 12, 2023	Win XPR Hunter Strata 30.06	Winner- Gabriel Wise
August 9, 2023	Win XPR Hunter MODWA 300 WM	
September 13, 2023	Browning AB3 Hunter .270	

**TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE 2023-2024 GUN A MONTH RAFFLE** Once again there will be 350 tickets sold at \$50 each. If you are interested in helping to sell the tickets, get in touch with Ross Kissel at 231 845-9086 or by e-mail at "firecaptain29@outlook.com".

Here is a list and the dates of the drawing for the 2023-24 raffle:

October 11, 2023	Winchester S X P 12 ga, field nickel
November 8, 2023	Win Wildcat Verde combo
December 13, 2023	Win XPR .350 Legend
January 10, 2024	Mossberg Patriot 6.5 PRC
February 14, 2024	ATI Cavalry 20 ga O/U
March 13, 2024	Tisas 1911 AI 9 mm pistol
April 10, 2024	Ruger American Compact 7mm-08
May 8, 2024	Centerpoint Mercury 390 crossbow
June 12, 2024	Savage Axix II .270
July 10, 2024	Taurus TX .22 pistol
August 14, 2024	S&W M&P shield EZ 9mm pistol
September 11, 2024	Howa 1500 6.5 creedmore

**Youth Silhouette Shoot**

Youth Silhouette Shoots are held the first Saturday of every month until September. The shoot is open to anyone, but is geared toward the younger shooters 15 and under. Prizes will be awarded to the top shooters at the end of the shooting season. Firearms are limited to .22 caliber long rifle or .22 short (no mini-mags since they damage the targets). Each shooter must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The event starts at 9 AM and involves shooting 10 metal silhouette targets at 4 different yardages for a total of 40 targets. Anyone 18 and over that wants to shoot, there is a \$2.00 fee charge.

Contact Mark Luce at 231 690-7929 or by e-mail: lucemark@hotmail.com if you have any questions.



## TRADING POST

*(If you have a sports related item to sell, trade or buy, contact the Editor, Nita Finch, and have it listed in the Tattered Feather Trading Post free of charge for members only. Your ad will run in the next Tattered Feather and if you want the ad to continue, you must contact the Editor before the next newsletter is published. The ads can be posted by e mailing "bearladytwo@live.com" or call 231 690-0874. )*  
**Please advise when items are sold**

\*\* Remington 1187 12 Gauge. Slug Barrel, Bushnell 1.5-4 circle X scope, 26 inch bird barrel. \$825. Call Ed at 231-613-4276. (4)

\*\* Mec 12 ga. Reloaded, 1 and 11 8oz Bars. Jim at 231 690-7542. Price \$375. (2)

\*\* Browning Micro Midas bow with 6 Easton arrows, quiver, leather finger glove and zip case. \$100.

Contact Lisa Gomez at 989 330-7726 (1)



\*\* Shotgun for sale: Remington 1187 shotgun. 26 Bird Barrel, slug barrel, Bushnell Circle X Scope, 3 chokes, duck plug for magazine. \$700, Call 231-613-4276, ask for Ed (1)

\*\* Remington 1187 12 Gauge. Slug Barrel, Bushnell 1.5-4 circle X scope, 26 inch bird barrel. \$825. Call Ed at 231-613-4276. (1)

## HUNTER SAFETY CLASS

Hunter Safety Class will be held August 19 & 20 at the clubhouse. Students must attend class both days, complete the written test, and pass the required field day, in order to receive their Hunter Safety certificate. In order to register for the class you must register online at <https://michigan.storefront.kalkomery.com/programs> before August 18th. When you go to the site, you will have to create an account in order to register for the class.

As of this writing, the class is full, but you can register on the waiting list, in case someone cancels.

There is no cost for the class, lunch, snacks and a drink will be provided. Parents are required to bring their student to the first day of class to sign the liability form for their student. We will accept 50 students, with 5 being on a waiting list. If you register and are no longer planning on attending the class, please cancel your registration so that those on the waiting list will have a chance to attend the class.

We are always looking for new Hunter Safety Instructors. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Nita at (231) 690-0874 or go to DNR Hunter Safety Instructor application and follow the instructions. Any questions, please call.



## ARCHERY RANGE UPDATE

The Archery Range is open (to members only), but due to the harvesting of the trees, the targets are limited. Targets 16 thru 27, are in the logging area and **cannot be used**. The practice area is open, but the archery range has not been mowed, due to the logging, and the ferns are **VERY** tall.

If you shoot the archery range, please shoot with care. As soon as the logging is completed, we will start restoring the range.





## Timber Harvest Operations Underway

In recent years, the club hired Forester Brett Kuipers of Michigan Forestry Co. to develop a 20-year forest management plan for the club. The plan is focused on forestry activities that aim towards goals of a healthy forest and improved wildlife habitat. The overall Club property is divided into different management units based on our management goals and existing habitat or forest type. Some units will be on a long-term cycle of selective thinning, with either natural regrowth or replanting. Some areas will require tree and shrub plantings or invasive plant removal to diversify wildlife cover and food resources. Other areas, like wetlands, river or creek corridors, will be protected and left untouched.

One of the early actions in our Plan's schedule of activities was to address aged pines and thick aspen stands. Last winter, with guidance from our Forester, the Club signed a timber harvest contract to address these management units. Though winter would have been the ideal time to harvest, the weather was not conducive to allow heavy harvest machinery in without causing damage. The dry summer has left the ground hard enough to allow machinery access, and in early July, the loggers had an opening in their schedule and began harvest. The attached maps show the harvest plans.

The northern aspen area on the harvest map is being cut first. This will be a clear cut, which is a sustainable management method for aspen, specifically. This method allows for maximum seedling regeneration, as aspen thrive in full sunlight, regrowing via root suckers and can grow several feet in the first year. Other aspen areas in the contract will be addressed later in the season.

In addition to the aspen, loggers will also be thinning aging pine trees near the clubhouse road, which will help to avoid disease and pest issues and open the canopy to more sunlight and natural regrowth. With more sunlight on the forest floor, other seeds in the soil can germinate, allowing new seedlings to grow and increase diversity in the forest.

Next stages (hopefully late fall or winter) will include a hardwood thinning in the southeast portion of the property. Some of this area will have to be clear cut as well, as part of the long-distance rifle range development. Timing is important here, due to the forest type. As our loggers are aware, a disease called oak wilt can easily spread if oak trees are cut or damaged (bark scraped or branches broken) during the months of about April - August. This disease eventually will kill oaks, and continue spreading through root grafts. Though we aim to cut hard maple (sugar maple) and oak trees are pretty limited on the property, we don't want to risk introducing this disease.

**While these operations are actively underway, please be safe and keep clear!** Do not approach machinery (while active or not), do not climb on log piles - they are not stable. Loggers are generally working Monday-Friday from about 7-4:30. The 3-D archery range is available for use outside of those time. For more information, contact your Conservation Committee!

(See the photos of the cutting on pages 5)





Some wild life animals seen on the Donovan and Finch property

