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Fin & Feather Club
of Mason County**
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Terms End January 1st, 2024

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Terms End January 2025

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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.

Monday Night Women Pistol Shooting

On Monday nights, the women are still shooting 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.



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.

Tattered Feather December 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
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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

To access the Fin and Feather web site, go to:

"finandfeatherclub.org."

If you have something that needs to go into the website, contact Nita at bearlady-two@live.com.



We now have Fin & Feather pull over sweatshirts 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.

NEXT UPCOMING MEETING



The next meeting will be December 13th. The meal for the meeting is not known at this time, but I'm sure whatever it is, it will be delicious. The meal starts at 6:00. The cost is still \$10 for all you can eat. There will be no speaker as we will be having the election for 5 Director positions and the election of club Officers for the upcoming year.

Board of Director Meetings

December 6

January 8, 2024

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

SUBMIT A

NOMINATION

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
2005 Walt Olmstead	2006 Frank Koehle	2004 John Ochs
2008 Corky Jensen & Bill Olsen	2007 Bob Fenstermacher	
2011 Bob Ferney, Bruce Wadel & Ed Zientek	2009 Koby Kobrehel	2010 Jim Glover & Gordon Grossenbacher
2014 Diane Zack	2012 Russ Bosley	2013 Lance Christensen
2018 Rick Gleason	2015 Bruce Rosema	2016 Cindy Gleason
2021 Pat & Sandee Donovan	2017 Dan Engelhardt	2019 Dick Herrmann
	2020 Chris Shimmel	
		2022 Don & Eldonna Folkman & Gary Kondracki

Nominations are being accepted for the club's Outstanding Club Member for 2023. If you know of a club member that you would like to nominate for Outstand Club Member for 2023, get that name into Chairpersons, Nita at bearladytwo@live.com. Or Cindy at cgleasonff@gmail.com. Make sure you state why you feel that person is deserving of the award. The nominates will be voted on at the January 8th 2024, Board of Directors meeting and announced at the January regular club meeting. There are lots of club members out there that deserve the award, so get that name in.

The Plaid Shirt Night Committee would like to THANK the following for their support and or donation to 2023 Plaid Shirt Night.

Sanders Meats	Indian Summer Co-op
Ludington Beverage	Captain Chucks
Gleason's Pheasant Farm	A&W Restaurant, Mary Wilkosz
Bella Flora	Carter's Lumber
Culver's, Ludington	Dreamweaver
Dunham's	Freeman Creek Equipment
Essential Real Estate (Phil Landis)	Bucks Exteriors (Cliff Buck JR)
G. Freeland Roofing Systems	Vance Henretty
Dick Herrmann	im Holzback
Pre Marquette Expeditions	Brenda Wilicki
Larson's Hardware	Lowe's Ludington
Ludington Family Barber	Northside Market
Todd & Brad Reed Photography	Little River Casino & Resort
Custom Conveyor Concepts	Spicer Group
Callesen Wealth Management	Turf Care Moleman
Lakeshore Automotive & Tire (Jack Currier)	
Executive Wealth Management, John Barbrick	
Callesen Wealth Management	Dave Kooi
Essential Real Estate (John Hansen)	Orchard Market



The last CPL Class for the 2023. There were 8 students who successfully passed the class and received their certification. The next CPL Class will start in May 2024.



The range saw many firearm hunters making sure their firearm was on target for the opening day.



Wayne Fries signing into the range and sighting in his firearm for the firearm season.



Fred Hackert receiving the award on behalf of Indian Summer from Dan Engelhardt.



Some of the many raffle prizes



On the left, a lucky boy that won the Red Rider BB gun drawing. The right a lucky gal that won the pink Daisy BB gun. Congrats to both.



GUN A MONTH RAFFLE 2022-2023

The new 2023-2024 Gun A Month raffle will begin at the club meeting October 11th.

Once the raffle has started, no more tickets will be sold.. If you haven't purchased your ticket yet, contact Ross Kissel at 231 845-9086 to see if any are left. Once again 350 tickets are sold at \$50 each. 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 and the dates of the drawing for the 2023-24 raffle:

October 11, 2023	Winchester S X P 12 ga, field nickel	Winner: Ross Kissel
November 8, 2023	Win Wildcat Verde combo	Winner: Dave Organ
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	

Here is a list of the winners of the Gun A Month raffle 2022-2023: Congratulations to all who won.

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	Winner- Fred Forest
September 13, 2023	Browning AB3 Hunter .270	Winner- Kei Steffens

3-D Archery Range

We have done a lot of work the past month. We have created a much more accessible route for the 3D archery course by installing a road and culverts through the area logged last summer. The work is far from done, but the basic layout is complete. In the spring, we will be asking for help with landscaping, target layout, clearing and cleanup of brush, etc. anyone with a tractor and bucket would be most welcome, also those who can walk and pick up debris. We have also moved the practice range to flat ground so you don't have to sight in shooting uphill. That range is now where 3D target #30 used to be. We will be actually moving that in the spring or over the winter. There are several who deserve many thanks for making this happen. Dan Englehardt and the planning committee for their input, the Board of Directors for providing the money and direction, Rick Gleason for several days of determining the actual layout of the road and culverts and also the new practice range. Frank Koehle and Mike Hill for the back-stop material, and Jabrocki Excavation for moving all of the dirt and stumps within our budget.

Thank you all for helping to make this happen.

Doug Rollenhagen, Archery Chairman

**HUNTING RULES & REGULATIONS FOR
FIN & FEATHER CLUB MEMBERS ONLY
IF YOU ARE NOT A FIN & FEATHER CLUB MEMBER,
YOU CANNOT HUNT ON THE CLUB GROUNDS.**

Hunting Hours (Rifle, Muzzle Loading & Bow)

Bow Hunting only – October 1 to November 15

Rifle hunting between November 15 to January 1st

No Hunting Starting November 15th through January 1st from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM daily to allow members to use the ranges

No Hunting after 10:00 AM on Tuesday from November 15 to January 1st

***Firearm hours are from legal hunting opening hours to 10:00 AM and from 2:00 PM till legal hunting closing hours ONLY (except after 10:00 AM on Tuesdays no hunting).

***Firearm hunting is NOT allowed during the hours of 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM daily, when all ranges (pistol, rifle, skeet, trap, bow, etc.) will be open.

***Hunters to be off club property during the above club shooting hours.

To hunt on club property, you **MUST** be a Fin & Feather club member in good standing.

No guests of Club Members allowed.

Other Rules

Hunters **MUST** carry their club identification card and display it, when asked to identify them selves.

Hunting on club property is on a first come, first serve basis.

Due to safety concerns, all hunters MUST obey the Mason County Fin & Feather Club hunting policies as well as the Michigan DNR regulations.

Your blind / stand, MUST have your identification (name, phone number) on it and be visible.

The above rules & regulations are to protect hunters and Fin & Feather Club shooters. Any violation may mean dismissal of Fin & Feather Club memberships.

Skeet and Trap shooting hours From November 15 to January 1st

Tuesday shooting hours from 3:30 PM to 7:30 PM Saturday shooting hours from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Please contact Dan Engelhardt (231-510-1003), Bruce Rosema (231-499-6000) or Chris Shimmel (231- 239-2448) if you have any questions or concerns.

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 call 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. (6)

** Remington 1100 410 auto. Skeet barrel and full choke barrel, nice condition. 1985 edition .. 1100.00 obo Pat 231 510-5411 (1)

** Shotgun for sale: Remington 1187 shotgun. 26 Bird Barrel, slug barrel, Bushnell Circle X Scope, 3 chokes, duck plug for magazine. \$500, PRICE REDUCED.... Call 231-613-4276, ask for Ed (3)

** Remington 1187 12 Gauge. Slug Barrel, Bushnell 1.5-4 circle X scope, 26 inch bird barrel. \$825. Call Ed at 231-613-4276. (2)

** 3000 rounds 22 rimfire, various types

500 rounds 12 gauge, various types. Contact Jim Beckstrom 231 233-992 for price (2)

** Remington model 700 Varmint Heavy Barrel .308 caliber Synthetic camouflage stock. Pine Creek (Cabelas) 4x12x44 mm scope With Butler Creek flip up scope caps 2 boxes ammo \$750. 231-233-2394 Tom. (1)

**Upcoming Elections, December 13, 2023**

At the December 13th club meeting, the assembled club members will have the chance to vote for the candidate of their choice for 2024 Fin & Feather Club officers and Board of Directors. The officer positions are elected every year. The officer positions are as follows: President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Membership Secretary. There will be 5 Board of Directors chosen at that time for a term of 2 years. The only requirement is that you have to be a club member for a year and have a

desire to represent the best interest of all the club members. **An absentee ballot is available to any club member who wishes to receive one. If you want to receive a ballot, contact Nita Finch, at 231 690-0874 or by e-mail "bearladytwo@live.com". It is available to any club member of good standing and who is 18 years or older. The ballot must be filled in and signed by the requesting club member and sent to the election chairperson (Nita Finch, 9441 N. Darr Rd., Free Soil, MI 49411, or by e-mail: bearladytwo@live.com). It has to be returned to Nita or the club's address (PO Box 402, Ludington, MI 49431) before the December 13th club meeting in order to be counted.**

This is your club, you can decide who is going to represent your concerns.

Here is a list of the candidates: (nominations will still be accepted from the floor at the December 13, 2023 meeting)

Officers:

President: **Chris Shimmel** (running for re-election)

1st Vice President: **Lance Christensen** (running for re-election)

2nd Vice President: **Larry Scherer** (running for re-election)

Treasurer; **Cindy Gleason** (running for re-election)

Recording secretary: **Dick Herrmann** (running for re-election)

Membership Secretary: **Nita Finch** (running for re-election)

Board of Directors 2024 to 2026:

Dan Engelhardt (running for re-election)

Bruce Rosema (running for re-election)

Rick Gleason running for re-election)

David Sanders (running for re-election)

Mike Hill (running for re-election)

Don Henry (was previous Board Director)

PLAID SHIRT NIGHT, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

Plaid Shirt Night 2023 is history in the books. The night had 265 attendees (including all the workers) and was a very successful night, thanks to all the volunteers who took the time and energy to help out. The food was delicious thanks to Gloria Ann's Catering of Fountain, and the raffle and firearms on the dollar tables, \$10 & \$20 tables were excellent. Special thanks to all the sponsors and donators who donated or sponsored the event in some special way.

A special plaque was presented to Indian Summer in Roy Hackert's name for their continued support and donation to Plaid Shirt Night. Plans are already underway for 2024's Plaid Shirt Night. See the list of sponsors and donators on page 4.

MEMORIAL BRICKS

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. Anyone desiring a name to be placed on one of the bricks can purchase one for a donation of \$50. The brick can have 3 lines per brick and 14 characters per line. Contact Frank Koehle regarding purchasing a brick at 231 845-7259 or 231 510-5558.



The new road to the 3-D Archery Range



INDOOR ARCHERY LEAGUE

The Indoor Archery League will start Friday, January 5 2024. The league will run for 10-12 weeks. The league will be in the

basement of the clubhouse. The cost is \$72 for 10-12 weeks and will conclude in March of 2024. The league will be for single shooters. Contact Chris at 231 239-2448 if you have any questions.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Long time Fin & Feather Club member Joe Oleniczak passed away 10/21/23. Joe was a long time trap & skeet shooter. He will be missed by his fellow club friends.



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.

