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# Tattered Feather Fin & Feather Club of Mason County





### **Fin & Feather Club**

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Terms End January 1st, 2024 Terms End January 2025

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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 become 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.

Thanks again for volunteering your services.

#### **CPL & BASIC PISTOL CLASSES:**

The next Basic Pistol Class will be April 1st. The class is \$20 and will be all day. The class will conclude with shooting pistols at the end.

This is the schedule for the CPL Classes for 2023:

May 5 & 6, June 2 & 3, July 7 & 8, 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 be registered with Jim Glover at 231 907-8330 to take any of the Basic Pistol and CPL Classes.





#### 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.

Lighthouse Reality, John Hanson Al & Carole Hardman Animal Hospital of Ludington In Memory Harmon Deal James Holzbach Ted W. Towl Country Veterinary Clinic Ludington Beverage Magee Insurance Sanders Meat Smith & Eddy Insurance Squires Family Chiropractic Veterinary Medical Center Legends Taxidermy Studios Executive Wealth Management, John Barbrick Lundquist Furniture

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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, Jr.

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 not 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

#### 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

#### INDOOR ARCHERY LEAGUE

The Indoor Archery League started January 6 and will continue for 11 weeks. The league is in the basement of the clubhouse and starts at 6:30. The cost is \$72 and will conclude in March. The league is for single shooters. Any questions contact Chris at 231 239-2448.







#### Mason County 4-H Shooting Program

When people think about 4-H, one of the first things they think about, is animals at the county fair. While market livestock is definitely a big part of 4-H's identity and history, 4-H is a broad collection of programs that focus taking subjects that youth are interested in or adults are interested in teaching youth and using that passion to help them build life skills using those interests. For many youth and adults, their passions lay outdoors, in being a part of the rich hunting and fishing culture that is a part of the Great Lakes State. For many youth, learning how to responsibly handle a firearm and take part in shooting sports is a right of passage, one that we want to remain a part of the Mason County 4-H program. We had over 60 kids for a couple of years, and was one of the largest clubs in the county.

For several years, Mason County 4-H had the Mason County 4-H Shooting Sports program. A program in which the Fin and Feather has been a critical partner. All primary leaders of each discipline are required to be Members of F&F. All supplies belonging to 4-H are kept at the Fin and Feather Club. The 4-H Program is a collection of adults that wanted to instruct and guide youth in the fields of archery, hunting and wildlife, shotgun, and rifle. At one point, this program had almost 70 participants, making it one of the biggest in the county. But regrettably, the Pandemic made it difficult to operate. But, we feel that now is the time for Mason County 4-H to rebuild this program and see to it that, through participation in 4-H, youth are not only able to become responsible and caring members of the community, but responsible gun owners and caretakers of nature. To accomplish this goal, the first step is to recruit volunteers that are willing to work with these youth in these fields of study. Becoming a 4-H volunteer and shooting sports instructor is relatively simple. Volunteers simply need to complete an application to be a 4-H Volunteer and undergo a background check (a process usually taking about two weeks). Once that is complete, volunteers will need to undertake a certification class in one of the shooting sports areas (archery, hunting and wildlife, shotgun, or rifle). Michigan 4-H currently has a certification class scheduled for March 4th in Roscommon, MI. Certification class typically last the entire day.

The program is already very well funded and new leaders will be brought up to speed from previous leaders on bylaws, finances, etc. All that remains is for some interested adults to step forward to train the next generation of shooting sports enthusiasts.

If you would be interested in guiding the next generation of shooting sports enthusiasts and becoming a part of the largest youth development organization in the country, please reach out to the Mason County 4-H Coordinator, Aaron Myer, by calling 231-845-3365 or via email at <a href="mailto:myersaa1@msu.edu">myersaa1@msu.edu</a>.

#### Election Results for 2023

At the December 14th club meeting, the assembled members elected the following to represent the club for 2023: President-Chris Shimmel, 1st VP-Lance Christensen, 2nd VP- Larry Scherer, Treasurer-Cindy Gleason, Recording secretary-Dick Herrmann, Membership Secretary-Nita Finch. The following were elected to serve two years on the Board: Russ Bosley, Frank Koehle, Diane Zack, Jim Glover and Doug Rollenhagen.

Special Thanks goes out to Don Henry for the many years he served on the Board and to JoAnne Cummins, for stepping up and running for the Board.

#### **Board of Director Meetings**

April 5 July 10 October 4 December 6 January 8, 2024

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

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 bearladytwo@live.com.

The meal for the January 11th meeting will be whiskey pork chops, cheesy potatoes, veggie & desert. The cost is still \$10 for all you can eat. The speaker will be Randy & Scott from Captain Chuck's in Ludington. February's club meeting meal, February 8, will be Swiss-steak with all the fixings and the speaker will be Jason Waiter. He sets up archery situation for various clubs.



#### **3D Archery Update**

The 3D range is closed for the winter. The targets are being repaired and we have acquired many new targets for 2023. The practice range is still open and can be used.

For those of you (like myself) who like to walk in the winter for exercise, the 3D course is walkable and marked. Winter is a great time to be outdoors and enjoy our beautiful water-winter wonderland

#### Rifle Range Update;

Not much has been said about the rifle range project for several months; so; I thought I would bring everyone up to date. Right now, things are on hold until we get the trees cut. The area has been laid out and it's just a mater of time till the timber cutters come in and do their thing. Once the trees are cut, we will be able to then put together a final layout for the ranges, get an estimate of construction cost, backstop locations, safety concerns side berms, etc. I will be asking for volunteers and anyone that might be interested in the project once the trees are cut. In the meantime, if you have any questions or ideas, feel free to contact me. The background work has been completed. So now we wait for the timber crew. Mike Hill Rifle Range Chairman

#### Range Safety Rules & Regulations

Over the last few months, we have had several reports made by various club members of unsafe practices occurring on the rifle ranges. Safety is our #1 priority and needs to happen at all times. Over the next several newsletters we will be reminding everyone of safety regulations and proper uses of our ranges. Below are some of the safety rules, plus several other items that need to be adhered to.

- 1. Shooting on the rifle range is to be done from the shooting benches or from a position parallel with the benches. **No shooting from in front of benches.** Do not move benches from their locations.
- 2. When putting up targets, all benches are to be cleared, actions on all guns open and no one is to touch their gun until everyone is back behind the shooting line, and the range has been verified safe to shoot.
- 3. Leave your guns cased until setting the shooting benches.
- 4. Absolutely **NO ONE** is to be down range when shooting.
- 5. Rapid fire is highly discouraged at the 100 yard range. (Too many reports of bullets going over the berm and off into the trees). The 50 yard range is better equipped to handle rapid fire
- 6. No portable targets on either rifle range. We have established target frames, use them. We have very nice pistol ranges for handgun shooting. The 50 yard was built for small bore rifle, not a handgun range. **DO NOT** drag portable stands down to this range.
- 7. No shotguns or handguns on the 100 yard range (slug guns and long-range hunting handguns will be permitted.

If you have a concern, contact me, Mike Hill 231 690-3966.

#### Chairman Needed for A New Volunteer Position

The club is looking for a coordinator who would be responsible to get club volunteers to help with different activities and or projects the club would be having. They would contact club members and compile a list to give to the Chairman's of the activities. If interested contact Chris at 231 239-2448.



Monday, Jan. 9th, 3 Fin & Feather Club members (Bruce Rosema (left), Dan Engelhardt (right) and Rick Gleason (taking the picture) went Pheasant hunting at Gleason's Pheasant Farm and harvested 12 birds.





(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*)

- \*\* Vintage Lyman reloader with Lyman reloading guide. \$85 Call Marialice at 231-843-4763 (4) \*\*
- \*\* 8 Arrow Field Locker, 7 game getter arrows (Eastern 2216, 31" long), 7 other assorted arrows. \$30 OBF. Contact Keith at 586-536-1656 (5)
- \*\* FOR SALE: TC Contender with 7-30 Waters 21 inch SS carbine w/ Weaver 4X scope; 7-30 Waters 14 inch SS; Hunter barrel w /2-6 Bushnell scope; .22 Ir 14 inch SS match barrel w/3-6 Bushnell scope; 45-410 14 inch SS barrel; 45 acp 10 inch blue barrel; 357 mag 10 inch blue barrel; shoulder holster 14 inch; Hard case; 7-30 RCBS dies; 200+ rounds 7-30 brass; 50 rounds 7-30 loaded ammo. Package deal: \$1500.
- Dillon Square Deal B progressive reloading press .38 special with 300 rounds of brass and 500 lead bullets for reloading \$375. Ray Tomory 231-249-0038 (4)
- \*\* Climbing tree stand-Summit \$100; Hang on tree stand \$10; Red Head size 11 insulated 3 ply Hobbs Creek Waders, new in box \$75; Mathews compound bow with plastic case, Quiver, site and 19 arrows \$200; Browning compound bow with plastic case and 13 arrows \$125; Mossberg Super bantam 20ga, Model 500 new in box \$269; 17 Weatherby 300 mag. 180 grain shells \$40; 12-5.80 boat rim & tire \$5; Fish net \$6; 2 1/2 Behrens oil storage can \$4 Gary Tyler 616-328-4492 (4)
- \*\* Mathews Solo Cam left hand compound bow, 30" draw. includes 20 arrows, drop away rest (never installed), release, and a hard case. \$300.00. call Jim at 231-233-2824. (4)
- \*\* Never fired. Ducks unlimited engraved Mossberg 500A, 12 ga-pump w/accu-choke, 28" barrel, chambered for 2 3/4" & 3" shells. Comes with owners manual & case. New it's roughly \$425, will sell for \$375. Call John 231 907-9210. (3)
- \*\* Never fired, Ducks unlimited engraved Ithaca Model 87 Deerslayer, Featherlight Guide Gun. 12 ga-pump action, 20" rifled barrel, chambered for 2 3/4" & 3" shells. Comes w/owners manual & case. Used it's roughly \$650, will sell for \$600. Call John 231 907-9210 (3)
- \*\* Never fired, Ducks unlimited engraved Benelli Super Nova 12 ga-pump w/3 chokes. 2 can fire steel shot. Chambered for 2 3/4" & 3" shells. Barrel roughly 25". Comes w/choke tool, locking mechanism, manual & case. New roughly \$575, will sell for \$525. Call John 231 907-9210 (3)
- \*\* Never charged or fired, BPI Connecticut Valley Arms Eclipse Magnum, Inline .50 Cal, Black Powder Muzzleloader, synthetic camo stock. Comes w/manual & case. Will sell for \$150. Call John 231 907-9210 (3)
- \*\* Ducks unlimited engraved Remington 870 Express Super Magnum 12-ga-pump w/ turkey choke (lead shot only), 28" barrel, black synthetic stock. Excellent condition, chambered for 2 3/4", 3", & 3 1/2" shells. Comes w/ manual & case. Used recently, sold for \$350, will sell for \$300. Call John 231 907-9210 (3)
- \*\*The Fin & Feather Club would like to express their deepest condolences to the <u>Carl Jensen</u> family on behalf of the loss of Carl. Carl, a long time club member, was the son of Corky Jensen, who was also a long time Fin & Feather Club member until his death, and mother Barb. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt & fish. Our sympathies to the family.
- \*\*On behalf of the Fin & Feather Club, we would like to express our sympathies to the <u>Mike Bucher</u> family on the loss of Mike. The family had memorial contributions in Mikes name sent to the club for the club's Hunter Safety program. Mike was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt. Our sympathies to the family.
- \*\* Condolences to the <u>Mike Crawford</u> family on the loss of Mike on 1/8/23. Mike was a long time Fin & Feather member and was very active shooting Tap & Skeet. He was a marksman shooter taking top gun honors at one of the club's shooting championship. Our sympathies to the family.
- \*\* Condolences to another long time club member who we have lost, <u>Kevin Swygert</u>. Kevin passed away January 5th. Kevin loved to hunt and fish and was a part-time worker at the Ludington State Park. Kevin was a dedicated son who took care of his mother till her passing and his father who recently just passed away. Kevin loved to shoot trap and skeet with his fellow club members. Our sympathies to the family.



#### **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@outook.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 November 6, 2022 S&W M&P9 Perf Center 9mm December 14, 2022 Springfield Hellocat OSP January 11, 2023 ATI Calvary .410 O/U February 8, 2023 ATI Calvary 20 gauge O/U March 8, 2023 Mossberg Patriot Long Range 6.5 cm April 12, 2023 Rem 700 ADL Varmint 308 May 10, 2023 Howe M1500 6.5 c, Heavy Barrel

June 14. 2023 Win XPR 350 Legend

July 12, 2023 Win XPR Hunter Strata 30.06

August 9, 2023 Win XPR Hunter MODWA 300 WM September 13, 2023 Browning AB3 Hunter .270

Winner: Adam Castonia Winner: Scott May Winner: Dave Organ Winner: Henry Lange

#### 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 (Gunsme	oke)	1992 Randy Wolfe	1993	Bruce Krieger	1994	Larry Moorlag	
1995	995 Bruce Finch 1996				Ray Cummins & Jack Thiel			
1998	8 Marv Hanna	1999	Ralph Christensen	2000	Kim Thomas			
2001	Wayne Andersen	2002	Joanne Cummins	2003	Tom Sheppardson	2004 a	John Ochs	
2005	Walt Olmstead	2006	Frank Koehle	2007	Bob Fenstermach	er		
2008	Corky Jensen & Bill Olsen 2009 Koby Kobrehel		2010	Jim Glover & Gordon Grossenbacher				
2011	Bob Ferney, Bruce Wadel & Ed Zientek		2012	Russ Bosley	2013 Laı	nce Christensen		
2014	1 Diane Zack	2015	Bruce Rosema	2016	Cindy Gleason	2017 D	an Engelhardt	
2018	Rick Gleason	2019	Dick Herrmann	2020	Chris Shimmel		_	
2021	2021 Pat & Sandee Donovan 2022 Don & Eldonna Folkman & Gary Kondracki							

#### **BIG GUN NIGHT FEBRUARY 25, 2023**

BIG GUN NIGHT will be Saturday February 25, 2023. Doors open at 6PM. Your \$25 admission tickets includes 2 drink tickets. Drink tickets will be issued at the door when checking in. Due to rising costs there will be No meal served. Instead, on site snacks and hors D'oeuvres will be available. Hence, the reason for reduced ticket price this year. Tickets will be \$20 for our Banquet Gun and several high end guns. There also will be \$10 tickets for some very nice guns and \$5.00 tickets for raffle items and several guns. We have

worked hard to come up with some higher quality raffle items this year.

There has been some problems with mail delivery and the snowstorms. So if you send me money, and have not gotten your tickets, call me. Frank Koehle. fkoehle@t-one.net. or 231- 510-5558









Congratulations to Tony Zack (on the left) on his harvest of this nice buck with his crossbow on November 12th. The buck had a 18 1/4" spread. Congratulations to Bob Grassa (on the right) with his harvest of this 8 point buck he harvested on November 14th in Free Soil Twp.





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Every year the Board of Directors and Officers of the Fin & Feather Club select an Outstanding Club Member of the Year, that members have nominated. This years recipients were, Don & Eldonna Folkman & Gary Kondracki, Doug Rollenhagen and Bud Underhill.

### Congratulations to Don & Eldonna Folkman and Gary Kondracki for being selected.

These folks, for many, many years, devoted their time, talents and expertise to the clubs Hunter Safety program. You can always see them at the clubs meetings. And Gary is always the first one in line to eat. Presenting the award was last years recipient Pat Donovan. Pats wife Sandee was also a recipient.

#### Plaid Shirt Night

Patrick and Rebecca Wiese, who won tickets during a live auction at the end of Plaid Shirt Night, attended the Lions vs Packers football game at Lambeau Field. Thank you to Steve Miller from the Branch area for the great donation of the two tickets.

Ross Kissel and I have resigned from Plaid Shirt Night and want to thank everyone for all the great times we had together. Thank you as well to all the great sponsors that made the years easier. If you are interested in taking over Plaid Shirt Night, please contact Chris at 231 239-2448. Please step up and help out so Plaid Shirt Night will continue.